

Steel defeat puts Alliance into disarray

The Liberal Assembly yesterday humiliated their leader, Mr David Steel, and threw the Alliance with the SDP into disarray on the crucial question of nuclear defence policy. After a passionate debate the Liberals made it plain they valued their traditional anti-nuclear policy more than the need for Alliance unity. They rejected Mr Steel's appeal to back him and Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, in their quest to agree with the French on a minimum European deterrent, the strategy which the two leaders had adopted to seek compromise on the two parties' differences over the future of Polaris.

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

the idea of a European minimum deterrent. He understood the assembly's impatience for a non-nuclear policy - it was a healthy impatience - but the weapons were there and the resolution, he argued, accepted that. It did not ask for a non-nuclear policy tomorrow, that would be unrealistic although he hoped to achieve a minimum deterrent lower than the level which existed at present.

But yesterday's surprise result was a massive blow to Alliance credibility which alarmed SDP observers at the assembly and raised the spectre of the Liberals and the SDP entering the next election with separate defence policies. Dr Owen has made it clear that he is prepared to go it alone if the Liberals do not back what he regards as a "serious" defence policy, and that includes maintaining a nuclear deterrent capacity. Mr Steel supports him on that. Even after yesterday's vote he was saying: "It is necessary to say to the Soviet Union that we are prepared in government to modernize and maintain our present deterrent capacity until such time as we have agreed mutual reductions."

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Mr Steel yesterday, facing defeat. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Cabinet anger in Luton dispute

The Prime Minister last night stepped into the dispute over the Football League's decision to expel Luton Town from the Littlewoods' Cup because of the first division club's moves to stamp out hooliganism at its ground. Mrs Thatcher said she was "deeply concerned" at the league's decision.

Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, will bring forward a scheduled meeting with football officials to try to persuade the league to change its mind.

"The Football League have scored an own goal," Mr Tracey said yesterday, as he made clear the Government's dismay at the Football League's action. "The Prime Minister will feel let down by this."

Luton, who are considering taking out a High Court injunction against the management committee's decision, have barred all away fans from attending games at Kenilworth Road and had insisted on extending the ban to the Littlewoods' (League) Cup.

But because the rules of the knock-out competition, unlike those of the Football League, state that 25 per cent of the tickets must be offered to the visiting club, the management committee have awarded the second round to their scheduled opponents, Cardiff, whose fans have twice been involved in crowd trouble this season.

Mr Tracey said that there was "universal criticism" of the league. "We will be telling the league that they should be doing better than this." He had not yet arranged a new date for the meeting with football officials.

The Prime Minister has often chaired meetings with officials because of her concern at the growth of football hooliganism, which culminated in last year's European Cup Final in Brussels when 39 people died after

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Baker pledges cash to save universities

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, yesterday pledged that no universities would be forced to close because of lack of cash, but called for a bigger private role in funding higher education.

Addressing university vice-chancellors in Edinburgh, Mr Baker gave the most unequivocal indication to date of the Government's suspected support for a mixed system of loans and grants to replace the means-tested system for student maintenance which costs the Government more than £500 million a year.

"We need to find new ways of financing higher education to avoid adding to the burdens of the taxpayer and the ratepayer," he said. One way would be for employers to sponsor students who took out loans.

Asking why students should not make a real contribution to their support, he said that a mixed system would be "more equitable" giving students a degree of independence more appropriate to their age.

"And it would be a real test of motivation and maturity, forcing them to think through the economic consequences of their choices."

The system of student grants and maintenance is being reviewed by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr George Walden, with concrete proposals expected in the new year.

However, Mr Baker says he expects an "incisive" reply from vice-chancellors on loans. After years of opposition to any scheme involving loans, it is predicted that they will signal their conversion to a system more in line with Mr Baker's way of thinking, perhaps before the end of their meeting tomorrow.

Mr Baker's no-closure guarantee will end speculation about the future of universities such as Stirling. Although Mr Baker assured the meeting that the question of extra funding for universities was high on the agenda he asked for patience for a few weeks until the end of the annual public expenditure review.

However, Mr Baker was not ference. Mr Baker is under pressure to "deliver" on education before the next general election.

His undertaking to refuse even considering a reduction in student numbers at universities along with the announcement of extra funding for polytechnics to safeguard places should help his cause, at least for the time being.

Mr Maurice Shock, chairman of the committee of vice-chancellors and principals, responded: "I welcome Mr Baker's announcement of the conversion of the Government to the expansion of higher education after years in which the talk and the action have been about nothing but contraction."

Russians condemn 'space tyranny'

From Our Correspondent, New York

President Reagan was circumventing the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with his "evil designs" in the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

It was an attempt to establish a military tyranny in space. He emphasized the need for a nuclear test ban which he said was the cornerstone of Moscow's arms control policy.

Mr Shevardnadze, in a response to Mr Reagan's UN statement on Monday, said the SDI "serves to conceal an attack against the main pillar of stability - the ABM treaty."

"The intention is to get the treaty out of the way within the time-frame of seven years. Everything is carefully calculated here, for it is precisely in seven years that they plan to prepare space weapons for deployment."

In his speech, Mr Reagan, responding to a Soviet proposal to agree not to deploy such weapons for 15 years, offered a conditional pledge to deploy any space-based missile systems for at least 7 1/2 years.

Mr Shevardnadze said: "The answer is simple whatever is done to conceal it, the so-called defensive space shield is being developed for a

first strike. The first strike may become the last one and not just for the country which is attacked."

But his criticism of the US was in discernible measured tones. He matched Mr Reagan's conciliatory words of the previous day about Moscow's "serious effort" and "movement" in breaking the deadlock over arms control.

He said that "encouraging outlines of meaningful agreements have been emerging." "A summit meeting is also a realistic possibility," he said. "We could move forward rather smoothly, if that is what the US side wants."

In an apparent allusion to Mr Reagan's remarks about the arrest in Moscow of Nicholas Daniloff, the American reporter, who has been accused of spying, Mr Shevardnadze said it was regrettable that the president used the UN rostrum "in such a way." But he did not mention the reporter.

Mr Reagan had said that the arrest cast a pall over US-Soviet relations and American officials are hoping a way may be found to resolve the dispute.

Before his speech, Mr Shevardnadze had a 45-minute meeting with Mr

US system likely to defeat Nimrod

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The crucial political choice of Britain's airborne early warning system has now been narrowed down to two options, the British Nimrod and the American AWAC.

There is now a growing feeling in Whitehall that the Government may be forced to buy the Boeing aircraft and scrap Nimrod, which has already cost about £900 million of taxpayers' money.

Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, is studying the findings of the Ministry of Defence Equipment Procurement Committee, which has drawn up a list of options.

Chaired by Lord Trefgarne, the committee is understood to have reduced the list of seven tenders to three. The third is the proposal by Gruman, the American firm, to use Nimrod airframes but install its radar, which is used in the Hawkeye aircraft. It has

become known as the Hawkrod option. But senior Whitehall sources insist that the only two options really on the table are Nimrod and AWAC.

No decision will be taken until it has been fully aired in Cabinet, but the Prime Minister and Mr Younger have decided there must be only one issue at stake: will the system work according to RAF specifications?

Whitehall sources said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher would be looking at the options in a practical way and would not be emotionally tied to the British Nimrod system, which has still not resolved all its technical problems.

£1.5m aid for nuclear warnings

From Pearce Wright, Vienna

The International Atomic Energy Agency is to spend an extra £1.5 million on nuclear safety, following the Chernobyl accident.

Dr Hans Blix, director general of the agency, said it would be used to establish an early warning network to ensure countries were informed quickly about any accidents in neighbouring states, and in improving the standards of training of nuclear power station operators.

He said that the full details would be given to a special session of the agency which begins today when Ministers from member countries assemble.

Talks to bring a South African uranium enrichment plant under the safeguards of the Non-Proliferation Treaty have broken down.

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Trouble in the Lobby The Commons fracas that followed Kilroy-Silk's resignation from Labour's Front Bench

Portfolio

Yesterday's £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Monday, was shared by three readers - Mr R.E. Wilson, of Woodley, near Reading; Miss Janet Craig, of Finchley, north London; and Mr Peter Gray, of Wallington, Surrey. Details, page 3.

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Israel hits Lebanon terror base

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli pilots reported accurate hits yesterday afternoon when they returned from a raid on what was described by a military spokesman as "a mountaintop terrorist base" east of the town of Damur, about 10 miles south of Beirut.

The spokesman said the targets were a long way from populated areas and were used by the Democratic Front as a headquarters and launching base for raids. One of the buildings was said to belong to the Abu Moussa faction of Fatah.

The raid does not appear to be connected with an expected reprisal for the bombing of a synagogue in Istanbul earlier this month, which was blamed on the radical Abu Nidal group. Nor does it seem to have anything to do with the current tension along the Lebanese border, which is claimed here to be caused by Shia militia.

The attack is more likely to be part of the Israeli policy laid down by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, of attacking suspected terrorist bases "anywhere and at any time."

It is noteworthy that the official statement confirming the raid went out of its way to emphasize that no civilians should have been involved. This follows strong criticism of Israel for earlier raids in which civilians have been killed, even though the targets involved have been described as terrorist bases.

DAWASQUS, Canada will give \$200,000 (£200,000) to help the war-ridden population of south Lebanon, a Canadian Embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The grant will be offered to the United Nations disaster relief co-ordinator to "assist approximately 50,000 people severely affected by continuing conflict in the south," the spokesman said.

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Coal chief says no to Scargill

From Our Correspondent, London

The newly-appointed chairman of British Coal, rejected a three-point demand from Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, when they met for the first time yesterday.

Sir Robert said: "There were no histrionics and quite a few things on which we agreed. I explained to them that we were holding on by our fingernails to some of our business and we have to be sure not to let our customers down in the future."

Mr Scargill had entered the talks, the first between coal industry management and union leaders for nearly two years, seeking back-dated pay increases of £350 for 65,000 of his members who stayed out on strike during the year-long miners' dispute.

"The men have been given the pay increase, which amounts to £8 more a week backdated to September 1, but miners who defied the strike call have had their rise backdated to November 1985."

British Coal has decided to withhold the money to make up for pension fund contributions that strikers did not pay during the year-long dispute.

The pay issue has already resulted in an overtime ban by South Wales miners for the past seven weeks.

Mr Scargill's two other key demands were the reinstatement of 460 workers, sacked during the miners' strike, and the re-establishment of the NUM as the only union to negotiate on pay.

The miners' leader described the talks as "full and frank", but would not be drawn on details. He is expected to report back to his national executive committee on Thursday. Asked what he thought of Sir Robert, compared to the former chairman, Sir Ian MacGregor, Mr Scargill said: "The NUM does not deal in personalities, not even when they are a lipply as Mr MacGregor."

their paradoxical lapel badges which read "secret service", stood transfixed by the illuminated panel which registered the presidential ascent but not his arrival.

The lift lurched upwards from the first to the second floor. It could not quite make it. In midfloor it stopped. Inside, the presidential security officials, no doubt wearing the look of desperate sangfroid which is their normal expression, tried to force the doors. They would not budge until the Secretary General's personal bodyguard, a huge man named Mr John Hrusofsky prized them apart and assisted the two dignitaries upwards and outwards.

Reagan and UN chief stuck in lift

From Paul Valley, New York

Heavy security took on a new meaning at the United Nations this week when President Reagan's entourage of burly secret servicemen crowded into a lift taking the President and Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary General of the UN, up to the General Assembly. The overloaded elevator stuck between floors.

Upstairs thousands of delegates and observers from 158-member states sat waiting for Mr Reagan to make his fifth address to the UN. Downstairs anxious secret service agents, identifiable by

Six injured in Highlands rail collision

Six people were injured yesterday in the highland town of Elgin outside when a relief locomotive crashed into the stationary train it was to have rescued.

Ambulances rushed the victims, five passengers and a BR driver, to hospital where four were detained.

The accident happened after the 9.55am train from Aberdeen to Inverness broke down. The locomotive from the 10.25am train from Inverness to Aberdeen was to shunt the stranded train off the single track line, but the two locomotives collided head-on.

Aids vetting is likely to be rejected

Compulsory Aids checks on African visitors to Britain will almost certainly not be introduced because senior Government officials believe such measures would be impractical (Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent, writes).

The proposal was discussed at a meeting of officials of the Department of Health, the Overseas Development Association and the British Council on Monday. A report

However, Whitehall sources made it clear yesterday that the idea of checks, including blood tests, on visitors from African countries where there is a high level of Aids infection, does not have official support.

The difficulties in implementing such a screening policy have been considered to outweigh any benefits that might be obtained.

One factor discussed at the meeting was that it would be illogical to screen only certain African visitors to Britain and not to carry out tests on visitors from the United States, where there is also a serious Aids epidemic.

The suggestion that visitors from some African states should be tested came to the Foreign Office in reports from British High Commissions concerned at the rates of infection.

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# Ministers' summit has mission to combat Europe's terror squads

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The 12 EEC interior ministers who meet in London tomorrow are under greater pressure than ever to create a new political impetus to combat terrorism in western Europe.

One serious obstacle to proper exchange of information is inter-service rivalry. It is a matter of pride for one intelligence agency to hold back on imparting all its secrets to a security service of another country.

The two French security services, DST - the domestic espionage agency equivalent to MI5 - and the DGSE - the spy wing, similar to MI6 - have anti-terrorist units reluctant to pool resources.

At the so-called Trevi Group meeting, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is determined to generate a much more effective flow of intelligence.

There are 12 major organizations affecting the security of western Europe.

- The IRA is the most deadly, with about 300 activists. Its last atrocity on the mainland was in 1984 when the Grand Hotel in Brighton, accommodation of the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet was blown up, killing five and injuring 31.
- ETA, the Basque separatist group, has about 150 activists. Its last atrocity was in July, when 10 civil guards in a bus in Madrid were killed by a

car bomb.

- The Abu Nidal faction is a notorious Palestinian extremist organization which acts as hired killers for Libyan and Syrian state-sponsored operations. Led by the ruthless and almost mythical Abu Nidal, aged 47, whose real name is Sabri al-Banna, it has been responsible for indiscriminate attacks in Europe.
- Nidal, or his chief henchman, Mustafa Merad, a fanatical killer, run about 200 activists from offices in Tripoli, Libya and Damascus, the Syrian capital. His group is thought responsible for the Karachi hijack and the Istanbul synagogue massacre this month.
- The FARL-Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction is the shadowy group behind the recent bombings in Paris. It is thought to centre around the Maronite Christian family of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, its leader jailed in Paris.
- State-sponsored terrorism: Colonel Gaddafi's Revolutionary Committees run roving hit squads of about 100 assassins who hunt down Libyan exiles.
- But more menacing is the terrorist alliance formed in 1984 between Libya, Syria and Iran, under the spiritual guidance of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader.
- The Palestine Revolutionary Movement is the Syrian-controlled group led by

Abu Mousa opposing the PLO leadership of Yasser Arafat. Mousa has about 100 agents.

- Red Army Faction in West Germany has about two dozen activists but is motivated by a hatred for Nato, the United States and the defence-related machine.
- Their last action was in July, when Herr Karl-Heinz Beckurts, director of an industrial company and his driver were killed when a 20lb bomb blew up his car.
- Action Directe in France, closely linked to the RAF, has between 24 and 30 members. Its last action was a bomb in an annex of the Paris police headquarters in July which killed an inspector and injured more than 30.
- Red Brigades in Italy is busily regrouping, with about 40 members. It has carried out several murders and kept links with the old Red Brigades leaders in jail.
- Fighting Communist Cells (CCC) in Belgium, anti-Nato and anarchistic, has about two dozen activists who attack defence-related targets. Its leader, Pierre Carette, was arrested last December but it has carried out 27 bombings in less than two years.
- FP25 in Portugal is an extreme left-wing, anti-American and anti-Nato group, but has less than 30 members.
- 17th November in Greece has about 20 activists and attacks US bases in the country.



Mr Tony Booth (immediately behind coffin) leaving the Holy Name Church in Manchester yesterday after the funeral of his wife, Miss Pat Phoenix.

## Requiem and jazz for Pat Phoenix

A requiem mass and music by a Dixieland jazz band yesterday marked the burial of Miss Pat Phoenix, the actress who found fame playing Elsie Tanner in the television series *Coronation Street*.

Miss Phoenix, aged 62, died of lung cancer just a week after marrying Mr Tony Booth, the actor, in the private clinic where she was being treated.

Yesterday, there was standing room only in Holy Name Church, Manchester, as mass was celebrated by Fr Paul Thompson, a cousin of Mr Booth.

The congregation included the entire cast of *Coronation Street*, who had cancelled a rehearsal for the first time in the show's 26-year history.

Outside the church, opposite Manchester University, two thousand people listened to the service, which was relayed through loudspeakers.

The jazz band slowly played *When The Saints Come Marching In* as the coffin was carried from the altar, then the music speeded up as the procession passed the crowds waiting outside.

After the service, members of the family left for a private cremation.

## Prison reforms Labour aim to cut crowding

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A Labour government would drastically reduce the number of inmates in Britain's overcrowded prisons and prevent courts from imposing custodial sentences on some criminals, Mr Clive Soley, a front bench spokesman on law and order said last night.

The radical reform of the penal system was immediately condemned by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, who said it showed "scant regard for the safety of the public or the independence of the judiciary."

Mr Soley told a Howard League conference in Oxford: "The key to prison reform is, and must be, to reduce overcrowding."

He set out a number of ways of letting people out of jail and reducing the numbers going to prison in the first place.

In an attempt to reduce the overcrowding in prisons, Mr Soley advocates introducing a conditional release scheme, already used in Northern Ireland, whereby most prisoners on good behaviour serve only half their sentence. He also favours the Home Secretary being able to release groups of individual inmates at any time.

"These schemes would only apply to those offenders who were not a danger to the public," he insisted.

Other measures would include: extra statutory restrictions on the use of imprisonment, reduced prison sentences for less serious offenders, a big increase in the use of bail, increased use of compensation as a punishment, and finding alternatives to prison for fine defaulters, such as community service orders.

"These and other measures should result in a significant drop in the prison population and we would be able to embark on a major restructuring of the prison service," Mr Soley said.

The prison population in England and Wales last week totalled 46,780.

Mr Soley told the conference: "The faults in the present system are glaringly obvious. We send more people to prison than any country in Western Europe and we have had serious riots in a grossly overcrowded system."

But last night Mr Mellor attacked the Labour plan. He said: "The real priority is the safety of the public and the protection of the right of the courts in the public interest to sentence as they think best."

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, admitted yesterday that Britain's prisons faced "problems of overcrowding, inadequate facilities, restricted regimes and inefficient working practices."

But he told the National Association of Chief Prison Officers in Loughborough, Leicestershire, that while the difficulties were massive they were not new, and he outlined the Government's three-pronged strategy for dealing with the crisis.

He wants to contain and reduce demand for prison space by encouraging alternatives to custody for minor non-violent offenders, to increase resources for the probation service, to improve the use and enforcement of fines, and to reduce the number of remand prisoners.

Mr Hurd said the Government was improving prison buildings, manpower and resources. The largest programme of prison building and refurbishment since the Victorian era was under way. Three new prisons had been opened last year, six more would be completed by the end of the decade, and nine more were planned, creating 9,400 new places.

## Dogfight led to rabies death

Mrs Leslie Smith who died from rabies last month, was bitten when she tried to separate two fighting dogs in Zambia, a Portsmouth inquest was told yesterday.

She was the first person to die in Britain from rabies since 1981, and only the eighth since 1922, all of them after being bitten abroad.

Mrs Smith, aged 45, who was British-born but lived in Zambia, intervened outside her home in Lusaka when she discovered her guard dog had gripped another dog by the neck during a vicious fight.

In the struggle she was bitten on the little finger of her left hand by the other dog which died after the fight.

The inquest heard yesterday that Mrs Smith forgot about the incident and displayed no symptoms until three months later when she was staying with her sister in Petersfield, Hampshire. By then it was too late.

Dr John McMillan, a consultant pathologist, told the inquest "at that stage there was little medication for her except sedation and vaccination which is rarely successful when the symptoms have started showing."

He added that there were only three known cases where a person had recovered once the symptoms of rabies had presented themselves.

A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

## Headmaster accused

Allegations that Mr Tony Mooney, headmaster at the John Kelly school in Wiltshire, north London, failed to discipline a school technician who wrote "swagland" across an Asian pupil's map of India, are to be investigated by education officials.

Mrs Leslie Ostergaard was interviewed by Mr Mooney after the incident in July 1985 and apologized to the pupil. The matter later came to the attention of the education authority and Mr Ostergaard was dismissed. He is now claiming unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal.

## Delay in curb on Militant

Mr Neil Kinnock failed yesterday to complete his purge of all nine Militant supporters from Liverpool District Labour Party before next week's Labour Party conference.

A delay in hearing the case against Mrs Felicity Dowling, the district secretary, means she will be entitled to go to Blackpool as a full delegate, retaining her right to speak and to vote.

## Transplant baby 'well'

The 10-week-old baby boy who became the world's youngest heart and lung transplant patient at the weekend was "doing extremely well" at Hatfield hospital, west London, yesterday.

He was breathing naturally after being taken off an artificial ventilator. His father was allowed to hold the baby for the first time since the operation.

## Bomb killed innocent man

The man who died in an explosion which wrecked a video shop near the home of the Prince and Princess of Wales in Kensington, west London, last month, was an innocent victim.

An inquest at Hammer-smith was told yesterday that police had ruled out the possibility that Mr Bijan Fazell, aged 22, of Upper Richmond Road, Richmond, Surrey, was handling explosives. The hearing was adjourned.

## Rise in remand prisoners

The number of prisoners on remand in the South-east has risen by 8 per cent in the last year, Miss Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said yesterday.

She said although remand prisoners were presumed innocent in law, they are subjected to conditions which are among the worst in the system.

## Radiation leak

More than 120 litres of radiation-contaminated water was discharged into the Furness Dock, Barrow in Furness, on HMS Torbay on August 17, it was revealed yesterday.

Mr Alex Fletcher, the committee chairman, said the committee would do its utmost to ensure that competition between the ferries and the tunnel was fair.

## The secret global strategy

From Gavin Bell, Paris

In a fortified building perched on high ground overlooking Paris, a small group of men are grasping a confidential document.

Next month, its proposals will be debated, and almost certainly approved, by a discreet gathering of senior police officers from more than 100 countries in Belgrade.

The men belong to an elite anti-terrorist squad created last January by Interpol, the international police organization. Their document is a global strategy for combating assassins, bombers, kidnapers and hijackers.

If any reminder of the urgency of their task were needed, the wall of police and ambulance sirens following the recent terrorist attacks in the city provides one.

Their chief, Mr Ray Kendall, formerly of Scotland Yard, explained the objective: "A national criminal intelligence service chooses a certain number of target figures, and attacks those people with the idea of removing them from circulation. We should be an extension of that service, looking at the target figures from the international point of view."

Mr Kendall, the first non-Frenchman appointed Sec-

retary General of Interpol since it was reconstituted after World War Two, is familiar with terrorist tactics.

The tall, powerfully-built marksman - he is a crack shot with a pistol - spent seven years tracking spies and political extremists in the Special Branch.

But he is under no illusions about the difficulties of tackling the new breed of ruthless killers, actively supported by some governments, operating across national borders.

Interpol, grouping 138 states, formally entered the battle against terrorism last October when its general assembly in Washington clarified an article in its constitution which had prohibited intervention in political, religious, military or racial matters, and decided to set up a specialist unit.

Further progress is expected at the forthcoming general assembly in Yugoslavia.

Mr Kendall believes the vast amount of information gathered by secret agents is not being circulated among police and other security forces the way it should be.

"When a known terrorist is identified, there should be an obligation to inform those in the front line, that is to say the police."

The Interpol chief was particularly annoyed when he read a report in a French newspaper last Sunday that Israel had recently passed the names and photographs of several suspected terrorists to the French secret services.

"That was the first I knew about it. If it is true, why did they do it only recently? And why did they give the information only to France?"

Mr Kendall is also disturbed by proposals, particularly in Europe, to establish multilateral secretariats to combat terrorism.

"Creating new structures on a restricted geographical basis is not necessarily conducive to achieving the best results."

On the political level, greater efforts should be made to suppress terrorism through dialogue rather than retaliatory strikes, he said.

But despite the horrific images of terrorist outrages, Mr Kendall believes people should not be unduly alarmed.

Nevertheless, Interpol has good reason to treat the menace seriously. French paramilitary police guard its headquarters and workmen are repairing extensive damage to the ground floor caused by Action Directe who shot a guard and bombed the building last May.

## DPP denies prosecution 'press-gang'

The Director of Public Prosecutions' office responded angrily yesterday to complaints that lawyers were being "press-ganged" into working for the new crown prosecution service in London (Francis Gibb writes).

"Every crown prosecutor that has been seconded to make up for shortfalls in London and the shires has come voluntarily", a spokesman said.

He also denied that London was "robbing the shires" as claimed in an anonymous letter quoted in *The Times* yesterday. Nor was there any evidence of lawyers leaving the service, which started in the Metropolitan areas outside London in April, other than might be expected from normal turnover.

Of the 354 posts for lawyers in London, only 46 per cent had been filled. By October 1, when the service becomes fully operational throughout the country, every court would be 60 per cent staffed by prosecution service lawyers.

## Print union deal signed by Telegraph

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Eight months after News International moved its operations to Wapping, east London, *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday signed "a benchmark agreement" with the printing unions.

Mr Angus Clark, general manager of *The Daily Telegraph*, said that the News International dispute was never discussed during the negotiations, but added: "It certainly concentrated minds."

The agreement will result in 970 redundancies out of a London printing workforce of 1,630. Mr Andrew Knight, chief executive of the company, said: "Other publishers will now use our agreement as a new benchmark."

*The Daily Telegraph*, which plans to start printing on Sunday night at its new £75 million plant on the Isle of Dogs in London's East End, has been negotiating with its unions for two years to achieve new working conditions and manning levels.

Although Sogat '82 was the only union to appear at a ceremony to sign the new labour agreement, officials of the Telegraph said the agreement had been accepted by the National Graphical Association, Amalgamated Engineering Union and Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

The agreement provides for a new joint standing committee of union and management to attempt to resolve disputes. If that procedure fails, disputes will be referred to a panel of arbitrators, whose decision is to be final and binding, according to the text of the agreement.

Mr Knight said yesterday no final decision has been taken on where to move the editorial staffs of *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*.

## Labour pledge on drugs firms' profits

By Sheila Gunn

A future Labour Government was pledged yesterday to bring in tight controls on the profits of drug companies from sales to the National Health Service.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief health spokesman said the companies' activities would be closely scrutinized, and full information on company costs demanded, before setting profit levels.

He was condemning the Government's relaxation on the profits of pharmaceutical companies from October 1, which will end a three-year profit-restricting arrangement between the Department of Health and Social Security and the companies.

"It is a national disgrace that this Government is colluding with the drugs industry to increase further their substantial profits," he said.

"Mr Norman Fowler's decision to increase drug company profits marks the end of any attempt to curb the present exploitation of the NHS."



Mr Anatoly Shcharansky with Mrs Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

## Shcharansky pleads case of Soviet Jews

Anatoly Shcharansky, the freed Soviet dissident, yesterday appealed to Mrs Thatcher to keep the problems of Jews trapped in Russia at the top of the political agenda.

After a 30-minute meeting at Downing Street, the Russian declared he was very happy with the British Government's stand. Mrs Thatcher was a "very good friend of Soviet Jews", he said.

Mr Shcharansky, who spent nine years as a prisoner of the KGB, praised Mrs Thatcher for being actively involved in the campaign of quiet diplomacy to secure his release.

## Tax plan branded unfair

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Equal Opportunities Commission has come out against the Government's proposals for reforming income tax.

The plans to switch to fully transferable income tax allowances, contained in a Green Paper published in March, has big flaws, the commission said in a response published yesterday.

"The proposed tax system is not truly independent, does not encourage privacy between spouses, is extremely complex and will discourage married women seeking work," the response said.

It calls instead for completely independent taxation and increased child benefit, an idea that has been urged by other organizations, including the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

The commission said such a form of taxation was independent, non-discriminatory with regard to sex and marital status, gave individuals privacy over their tax affairs and provided assistance to families whose need was greatest.

There is no tax penalty for married women returning to work after having children, as in the Government's plan.

The commission said that of the 2,772 tax complaints received in the ten years of its existence, the majority had been on the unfair tax treatment of married women. The reform plans would not remove such objections, the commission concluded.

## Tunnel 'a threat to transport'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Channel Tunnel would lead to redundancies in the ferry industry, further decline in Britain's merchant fleet, and the run-down or closure of many south and east coast ports, the MPs select committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill was told yesterday.

Meanwhile Britain's largest transport union, the Transport and General Workers Union said its members in the road haulage industry might boycott the rail tunnel.

The union is opposed to the £3 billion project, which it claims is unnecessary, a threat to jobs and a potential waste of money. It is also concerned about the safety and legal aspects of drivers remaining in their cabs while in the rail tunnel.

"There are precedents for the union, on behalf of its members, recommending a boycott of regulations and facilities when we are unhappy about them", Mr Regan Scott, the union's national research secretary, said yesterday.

"I think it would be perfectly legitimate for the union to express concern about drivers being told to use the tunnel by employers."

Mr Frank Neve, an expert consultant, told the committee on its final day of hearings that hauliers would forsake the ferries for the tunnel, and that this would be disastrous for ports as far apart as Hull and Bristol.

Mr Iain Donaldson, a Townsend Thoresen employee, representing more than 700 petitioners, said heavy competition between the ferry companies and the tunnel would reduce their labour costs and the quality of services would decline until one or other went out of business."

Mr Alex Fletcher, the committee chairman, said the committee would do its utmost to ensure that competition between the ferries and the tunnel was fair.

"If there is fair competition I venture to suggest that there will not be the very great amount of distress talked about here today", he said.

Petitioners claimed that the ferries had to adhere to much stricter safety regulations than the rail tunnel. Mr John Drinkwater, QC, representing the Euro-Tunnel consortium, said it would be "financially disastrous" if safety arrangements for passengers staying in their cars proved unsafe.

## Drugs battle

## Britain urges European crackdown

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Britain is taking urgent action to persuade its EEC partners to step up the battle against the worldwide network of heroin and cocaine dealers, it was revealed last night.

The day after a senior Scotland Yard officer disclosed that drug traffickers' profits in Britain were expected to reach £600 million this year, and the Home Secretary likened the hard drug industry to the slave trade, it emerged ministers are planning a series of top-level meetings with their European counterparts to try to reduce the quantity of hard drugs

pouring in from South America and Pakistan.

Mr David Mellor, the Home Office Minister in charge of the Government's campaign against drugs, will address the European Parliament in Strasbourg next month where he will urge the rest of the EEC to strengthen their efforts to stop the production of cocaine.

In particular, he wants EEC countries to ensure that their agricultural aid programmes do not help finance peasant farmers growing cocaine in countries like Bolivia.

Next January, Mr Mellor will chair a conference of the

Pompidou group of ministers and try to get agreement for European-wide seizure of the assets of drug barons, while next month a meeting of European interior ministers will take place in London.

In the meantime, Britain is pressing for a UN convention which would make drug trafficking an international offence. A draft convention has recently been circulated and a meeting will be held in Vienna in February in an attempt to reach final agreement.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will fly to West Germany today for talks on keeping terrorists and hard drugs out of Europe.

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# Safeguards demanded to curb advertising disguised as education

Children should be safeguarded from biased and slanted commercial propaganda in the classroom, a National Consumer Council report said yesterday.

A random check by the council of commercially sponsored classroom materials showed that a third of the books, packs or videos were judged inaccurate in some way.

More than half of the 32 items were criticized for promotional bias, including a nutrition booklet from the Kellogg's Company in which the brand name appeared on 96 occasions, 18 times on one page.

Mr Michael Montague, the council's chairman, said: "What I am worried about is so-called educational material which is really just advertising, designed to produce brand loyalty among children."

"I am also worried about attempts by some commercial sponsors to suggest that there is only one side to an argument, for instance about what constitutes healthy eating."

Commerce and industry were entitled to put their point of view and try to sell their products, but not in the classroom, he said.

Mrs Elizabeth Stanton, chairman of the sub-committee responsible for the report, quotes figures from the Publishers' Association which suggested that spending on

school books fell by 22.2 per cent between 1979 and 1985.

"In these circumstances, is it any wonder that commercial sponsors find schools so eager to snap up their free, or heavily subsidized education materials?" she said.

The report proposes:

- An enforceable code of practice to regulate production and distribution of materials. Current voluntary codes produced by commerce were not being adhered to.
- A checklist so teachers can evaluate accuracy and bias before educational aids are accepted for classroom use.
- The creation of a national Which?-type guide with an independent assessment rating for each item.
- Business sponsorship of teaching material (National Consumer Council).

**Call for Lords to review curriculum**

A special House of Lords committee charged with reviewing the school curriculum for 16-18 year olds was proposed yesterday by the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, Mr Christopher Everett.

Mr Everett, headmaster of Tonbridge School, Kent, was speaking in Leeds to the 200 member heads of independent schools who were gathered for their annual meeting.

Echoing his support for the paper published by university

vice-chancellors earlier this year, which gave a warning against the dangers of over-specialization at the 'A' level stage, he said: "There is agreement that from 11 to 16 all our pupils need to pursue the broadest possible curriculum."

"The need for greater breadth beyond those years may be controversial, but there is little in our performance as a nation which suggests we can be light-heartedly out of step with our competitors."

A welcome start had been made with the AS level examinations, which would, for example, allow a pupil pursuing mainly sciences to also include a humanities subject.

However, an authoritative review was necessary, and he suggested a Lords committee along the lines of the recent committee on industry and overseas trade should carry out the task.

Part of the clue to Britain's decline, he said, has been the emphasis which schools had placed on character and temperament in place of a more formal system of training and academic education.

For decades, schools and their programmes had remained the same, but he warned fellow heads to be aware of the "dizzying change" being brought about by new information technology.



Mrs Sue Blacker, aged 35, is the sole woman stockbroker taking part in a City competition to double a £35,000 stake to make money for charity. Mrs Blacker's firm, L. Messel and Co, is one of six investment companies to take part in the scheme called the Foliovest Great Investment Race. The Prudential Unit Trust Managers have staked £210,000 and all the profits at the end of the year-long race will be distributed by charities dealing with the disabled, the homeless and drug and alcohol abuse. The other five competitors are Bell Lawrie, Fidelity Investments, Heave Group, Namura International, and Prudential Portfolio. The winners will receive a trophy from Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

## Portfolio Gold Prize will go towards a new flat

A secretary, a teacher and a technical television co-ordinator share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Miss Janet Craig, aged 30, a secretary, from Finchley, north London, said she could not believe her luck.

"I've played the game since it started, but I just didn't think that I would win anything," she said.

Miss Craig said she would use her prize money towards a deposit for a new flat.

Mr Peter Gray, aged 42, from Wallington, Surrey, who has played the game for the past six months, said he was "very excited" about winning a Portfolio Gold dividend.

Asked how he intended spending his prize money, the schoolteacher said: "I hope to afford a holiday in Europe."

The third winner, Mr Richard Wilson, aged 48, a technical television co-ordinator, from Woodley, near Reading, Berkshire, said he was "pleasantly shocked" when he realised that he had won a Portfolio Gold share.

He said that he intended "enjoying" his prize by "spending money on the house, buying new furniture and going on holiday".

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Miss Craig, who will use the money towards buying a flat.

## London's fares to rise 4 1/2%

Bus and underground fares in London are to be raised by an average of 4 1/2 per cent on January 1. Some single journey fares could increase by a third or more while others will not change. The rises will be intended to encourage travellers to make more use of season tickets.

The increases follow an average rise of 6.5 per cent last January. London Regional Transport said the company recognized that the forthcoming increase was above the current rate of inflation, but was little more than the rate of wage increases, which accounted for about 75 per cent of costs.

The 50p central London bus and Underground fare, the 30p one-zone suburban bus fare after the weekly morning peak, and the 40p fare on the Red Arrow buses, will be unchanged, but most other single fares will rise by 5p or 10p.

There will be no change in children's single bus fares.

## Rush to beat visa swamps airport

The immigration service at Heathrow, already fully stretched, is in danger of being overwhelmed by numbers of people trying to enter Britain before the introduction of a visa system for passengers from Nigeria, Ghana, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh.

Immigration unions say that conditions in Terminal 3 are now "intolerable". Biman, the Bangladesh airline, is preparing to send an extra flight to London on Saturday to cater for extra demand.

According to the unions, the number of immigrants being detained for further examination in Terminal 3 has doubled since the announcement of a visa system for the five countries.

The Immigration Services Unit at Heathrow said that on Tuesday of last week 212 people were detained for further examination, compared with between 30 and 40 on a normal day before the announcement of the system. Last Sunday, 169 were de-

## 'Children of jobless in danger'

Unemployment is one of the main causes of child abuse and divorce in Britain, the National Children's Home (NCH) said yesterday.

The group says that children living in families where the main breadwinner becomes unemployed are more likely to suffer from physical abuse, to be abandoned.

The Home Office has admitted that lack of detention accommodation has led to an increase in absconding by people who had been refused leave to enter but given temporary admission.

A total of 22,000 passengers were refused admission and removed from the UK in the 12 months up to June 1986 nationally, of whom 11,700 were from the five countries.

Last week, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, met representatives from the ISU who were seeking assurances that the new visa system would be properly implemented.

Launching its Children in Danger campaign at St Bride's Church in Fleet Street, London, the NCH said that Britain had one of the worst records in Europe of family breakdowns caused by long-term unemployment.

"It is within these conditions that gross abuses of young children are more likely to occur than anywhere else," Mr Ashley Wyatt, head of the organization's child and family policy unit, said.

An NCH report shows that more than 1.4 million children in Britain live in homes with unemployed parents, that is one in 10 families. In France the figure is one in 30.

## Law urged to regulate car dealers

Most car traders misled buyers about the roadworthiness of cars they sell, the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (ITSA) claimed yesterday.

After an Office of Fair Trading review of the motor industry's code of practice, the institute claimed that it had consistently failed to regulate its members. The industry should be made subject to "a powerful new law to keep garages in order".

While Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading, concluded that the code had brought benefits but still left room for improvement, ITSA, the organization of local authority officers in charge of consumer protection, claimed that its latest spot checks and the OFT's own findings proved that self-regulation in the motor trade was "a farce".

The motor code came into force in 1976 but the latest OFT survey carried out in 65 towns still revealed a high degree of non-compliance.

Only a fifth of the members of the motor trade associations supporting the code even claimed to show pre-sales inspection reports, detailing the condition of used cars on offer, as the code requires. More than half admitted that they did not always give customers a copy of the checklist before delivery.

None of the customers interviewed by the OFT who had complained about a new car had been told about their right under the code to refer their complaint to a trade association.

The OFT says that over the next few months it will be discussing with the three trade associations a means of strengthening the code.

ITSA yesterday said that in Humberstone only 16 per cent of traders were displaying the agreed checklists.

## L-plate 'cowboys' to be outlawed

Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, yesterday unveiled new laws to curb cowboy driving instructors and protect Britain's 3.3 million learner-drivers.

From September 30 all qualified driving instructors and trainees will be required to display certificates from the Department of Transport in their car windcreens proving they are qualified to teach.

A green octagonal-shaped disc would indicate that the instructor is fully qualified and has passed a three-part examination. A pink triangular certificate will show that the teacher is a trainee and has six months to qualify.

Both documents require a photograph of the instructor. If the car does not carry the certificate, it could mean the instructor is charging for driving lessons illegally and could be fined.

Mr Bottomley said that in future if a learner-driver does not see either certificate he

will know he is "being literally taken for a ride".

The Driving Instructors' Association said: "We have been pressing for this for seven years and we have eventually got it. It means that the instructor has at least been examined himself in the subject he is teaching."

The new law was also welcomed by the RAC. It said: "It should be the final nail in the coffin of cowboy operators."

There are 29,000 fully qualified instructors and 1,200 trainees in Britain. The Department of Transport said that a new law would protect them as well as 1.8 million learner-drivers who take their driving tests each year.

Only 49 per cent passed tests last year and the department said the new regulations should improve the standard of training and the pass rate. The system will also mean that learners can demand cheaper driving rates from trainee instructors.

## Police guard on five in search for solicitor

Police were guarding five people yesterday as a search continued for Mr Ian Wood, a solicitor, who disappeared shortly before his former French au pair and her daughter, aged three, were found shot dead.

Last night the dead woman's son, Christopher, aged five, was on a life support machine in Sheffield Children's Hospital with gunshot wounds to the head.

Det Chief Supt Robin Herald, who is leading the search for Mr Wood, said of the boy: "While I am hopeful he will pull through, my knowledge is such that I believe he may not."

Mr Wood, aged 37, disappeared from his rented home, Ughill Hall, at Dungworth, near Sheffield,

## Police guard on five in search for solicitor

South Yorkshire, on Monday.

The police found the bodies of Mme Danielle Ledez, aged 38, and her daughter, Stephanie, in the 18-bedroom manor house. Christopher was found in a bathroom.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr Wood, a former secretary of Sheffield Law Society.

The police are guarding his former wife, Margaret, her three children, and Mr Colin Lloyd, a headmaster, who is the estranged husband of Mme Ledez.

Mr Wood has made at least four telephone calls since his disappearance. The latest came yesterday when his brother, Mr Mark Wood, aged 28, a City financier, appealed for him to go to the police.

## Group offers £25m to televise racing

A bookmakers' broadcasting consortium has agreed to pay British racecourse owners up to £25 million over five years for the right to transmit live television coverage of race meetings to betting shops.

The agreement, reached after negotiations described as tortuous, was reviewed yesterday by the Racecourse Association, which is putting details to its members for final discussion.

The agreement permits Satellite Racing Services (SRS), owned by Ladbrokes, Mecca, William Hill and Coral, to start experimental transmissions in November, and a full service next year.

To protect the copyright of the racecourse owners, and discourage illegal betting, the pictures will be electronically coded to prevent people with their own receiving dishes tuning in.

Of the 10,000 betting shops in Britain, 7,500 are expected to take the service, paying a between £1,500 and £7,000 a year. SRS expects to broadcast live race meetings every day and to cover others using delay and sound broadcasts.

## New computer helps child murders hunt

Police investigating three child murder cases announced new moves yesterday to help ascertain whether a single killer was responsible.

The recently introduced Home Office computer system will be brought in to help detectives solve the murders of Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five, and Sarah Harper, aged 10.

The information collected by detectives will be fed into the computer, called Holmes.

The Home Office said: "The computer allows for immediate cross-references and picks out words and names which a policeman looking for a link might miss."

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, said: "We now feel that these murders could be by the same man. One man may be responsible but it would be quite wrong to assume that we have a murderer at large killing children."

Susan Maxwell vanished near her home in Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumbria, in July, 1982. Her body was found 13 days later on the A518 between Uttoxeter and Stafford.

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53	57	2,034	1,080	366	3,480	1,912
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48	52	5,319	2,524	957	9,100	5,266
53	57	5,250	2,498	946	8,984	4,938
58	62	5,188	2,470	936	8,894	4,315
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# Non-nuclear Nato defence policy sought

Loud cheering and thunderous applause greeted the narrow decision at the Liberal Party assembly at Eastbourne yesterday that the defence capability of the European pillar of Nato must be non-nuclear.

An anti-nuclear amendment to a motion on the Alliance joint commission report on defence and disarmament was carried by 652 votes to 625 - majority, 27.

The conference thus rejected the views of the party leadership put to it by its defence spokesman, Mr Jim Wallace, MP for Orkney and Shetland, and Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gordon, and upheld those voiced by Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP for Leeds West, and Mr Simon Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey.

Supporters of the anti-nuclear posture reminded the assembly of the long Liberal stance against nuclear weapons and maintained that that principle should not be betrayed in the negotiations that must go on with the Social Democrats in the search for an agreed Alliance policy on defence.

The assembly also carried overwhelmingly on a show of hands another amendment instructing the party's policy committee to use the motion together with relevant resolutions at the 1984 and 1985 assemblies as the basis of Liberal policy in negotiations with the SDP about Alliance policy at the next election.

In moving the resolution, Mr Jim Wallace, the Liberal defence spokesman and MP for Orkney and Shetland, said the twin themes of the Alliance commission report on defence and disarmament, "were collective security and common security, the former achieved through participation in Nato and the creation of a stronger European pillar within the Atlantic Alliance, and the latter to be sought on a worldwide basis."

So much had been said or written over recent weeks about the nuclear element in European defence, that other important aspects of European cooperation in defence matters had been overlooked. Much more might be achieved by Europe working together, not least in disarmament.

If the commission agonized over whether Polaris should be replaced, there was no doubt that Polaris must be deployed as a European contribution to Nato's deterrent. They saw no credible

future for the British independent nuclear deterrent. If the anti-nuclear amendment was passed, the assembly would be rejecting that key and carefully constructed proposal of the joint commission report, and so he could not support the amendment.

"We would be foregoing one possible and important option and render pointless the initiative with our European allies which David Steel and David Owen decided to pursue. That initiative is not an attempt to put together a third super power, rather it offers the clear possibility of a reduction of the existing levels of nuclear weapons."

Mr John Smithson, parliamentary candidate for Huddersfield, moving the anti-nuclear amendment, said the party had always been against an independent nuclear deterrent and they

The main points of the amended motion on defence and disarmament carried by the Liberal assembly yesterday are:   
• This assembly believes that credible policies for defence and disarmament must be based on the key principles of collective security with the creation of a stronger "European pillar" within Nato.   
• Assembly welcomes the Alliance Joint Commission report on Defence and Disarmament. Commission proposals recommended for incorporation in the Alliance Joint Programme for Government include cancellation of the purchase of Trident, inclusion of Polaris in arms control negotiations, and initiation of a moratorium on further deployment of intermediate nuclear weapons.

Assembly instructs the Standing Committee to use this motion together with the relevant resolutions of the 1984 and 1985 assemblies as the basis of Liberal policy on Defence and Disarmament in negotiations with the SDP on the Alliance Joint programme.

could not betray that fundamental principle. They must scotch the view that an independent European deterrent was different from an independent British deterrent. Indeed it would be an Anglo-French deterrent. The French had always insisted on being totally independent and had even left Nato. Those were not attractive credentials. An Anglo-French deterrent would emphasize differences within Europe; there would be increasing tensions. They wanted political strength not nuclear arms

strength. They should pass the amendment and set the Liberal Party on the true road to peace and disarmament. Mr Leighton Andrews, parliamentary candidate for Gillingham, moved the amendment to add at the end of the resolution the instruction to the policy committee to use the resolution as the basis of Liberal policy on defence and disarmament in negotiations with the SDP.

He said the row over the nuclear deterrent had drawn attention away from their aim to scrap Trident and build up conventional strength. They wanted agreed meaningful policy at the next election but the issue of a European minimum deterrent was something that had never been fully worked out and explained to the assembly.

## ENVOY'S LETTER

### Steel's anger at 'cheek'

By Philip Webster  
Chief Political Correspondent

An embarrassed Mr David Steel yesterday accused the South African ambassador of "cheek" and "diplomatic behaviour" over a letter sent to delegates at the assembly disclosing that Mr Steel is to pay a visit soon to South Africa.

Mr Denis Worrall wrote to Liberals setting out the South African case on sanctions, despite the furore over a similar letter sent to SDP delegates in Harrogate last week.

But what particularly upset Mr Steel was the disclosure by Mr Worrall that Mr Steel is to go to South Africa next month, and his claim, based on discussions with the Liberal leader, that he understood the South African government's view that there was no rapid solution to the South Africa crisis.

## HUNG PARLIAMENT

### Talks with Thatcher 'out of order'

A standing ovation greeted the declaration by Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Hill and Liberal Chief Whip, that the Liberal Party "would not treat" with Mrs Thatcher in the event of a hung Parliament.

It would insist that Mrs Thatcher was despatched to Durkwich the moment the general election was over, he said. His was the keynote speech in a debate under the theme "After the General Election" at the end of which the Liberal assembly carried a resolution setting out the guidelines which Liberal MPs with their SDP colleagues should follow in negotiations with other political parties in the event of a balanced Parliament.

The resolution called for maximum possible implementation of Alliance policies, negotiations over ministerial positions only when satisfactory arrangements over working practices and policies had been reached.

It also stated that negotiations should be conducted through a negotiating team comprising Mr Steel and Dr Owen and representatives elected by the two parliamentary parties.

## PARTY FUNDS

### A narrow victory over fees

The Liberal Party national executive plans for increased affiliation fees from constituencies survived criticism and defeat at the hands of the rank and file by only the narrowest of margins.

The fees are needed to pay for fighting the next general election. The assembly carried by 283 votes to 255, a majority of 28, plans for two constituency party affiliation fees: £400 and a fee calculated on valid membership cards.

Mr Andrew Ellis, secretary general of the party, said that in 1987 they needed £405,000 from the constituencies to do all the campaigning work to which the party had pledged itself three years ago.

Opponents of the plans feared that smaller constituencies were being asked to pay a disproportionate share. There were complaints about lack of consultation and that not much time was being given to raise extra funds.

## HOMELESSNESS

### International year of aid welcomed

The programme "Cathy Come Home" has shocked the nation 20 years ago with its revelations of the problems of the homeless, today she still had to come home. Mr Mark Hayes, parliamentary candidate for Saffron Walden, said.

He was, successfully, proposing a motion welcoming the declaration of 1987 as International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Mr Hayes said that despite greater knowledge of the problems, the plight of the homeless continued to grow. The number accepted as homeless had doubled between 1978 and 1985. Housing cuts meant that even those accepted did not get adequate housing but had to make do with bed and breakfast accommodation.

The horrendous size of the problem was illustrated by the ever increasing number of single people living rough in the streets of our cities, and in the fields in rural areas.

## SEX ADVICE

### 'is needed' in schools

Calls for increased sex education in schools and greater help at all stages for pregnant teenagers were made at a fringe meeting arranged by the Maternity Alliance and Brook Advisory Centre.

Mrs Elizabeth Shields, MP for Ryedale, said prevention was better than abortion and that could be achieved through seeing schoolchildren, boys and girls, were advised and helped on sex matters.

While pressure on the school curriculum meant sex education was never likely to become a regular subject, it should be possible to have men and women, qualified, experienced and preferably married, to go round schools and talk to children.

While many children got on well with teachers, she said, it was not always easy for youngsters to talk to them on such a personal topic. Children might find it easier with a sympathetic stranger.

## HOUSING

### Sex advice 'is needed' in schools

There were few places where a young mother on her own could telephone day or night and know she would receive help and advice.

Today's agenda

Today the assembly will debate education, health, racial justice and Europe's role in Britain's future. Emergency motions on student loans, acid rain and visa requirements for temporary visitors will also be taken.

The accounts were accepted.

## NEXT ELECTION Party 'on best form for half a century'

Big bad wolf Norman Tebbit could huff and puff but he was not going to blow the Liberal house down, Mr Paul Tyler, Chairman of the party, said, presenting the annual report to the assembly.

The Liberals were in better shape for the coming general election than at any comparable time for the past 50 years and their target should be nothing less than 12 million votes, he said.

Mr Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, was presiding over a disintegrating empire, just as the Labour Party had effectively ceased to exist in many parts of southern England. Labour remained in third place in the ballot box since the last general election. It had barely held its disastrous level of 1983.

The Conservative Party was cranking to a standstill. On Monday Mr Tebbit had announced resolutions that would be debated at the Conservative conference. There were a record 90 resolutions criticizing the collapse in the party and its weakness at the grass roots, but not one would be debated.

Mr Tyler added: "We are seen to be good at winning elections. People like voting for us. Sick of ping pong Party games, people are voting, increasingly and consistently, for the Alliance. We have built a solid structure on firm popular support. We have become a formidable election-winning movement."

He said that the Liberals did not permit themselves the luxury of any more near-misses, such as the by-election in Newcastle-under-Lyme. He added, urging all Liberals to help at the coming skirmish in Knowsley North, that they could make an impact which would carry them through to polling day.

Mr Phil Harris, vice-chairman, National Executive, seconding adoption of the annual report, said that the party had doubled its increase in membership of previous years. Membership increased by 10,000 last year and this year it was up 15,000.

Mr Andrew Ellis, party secretary general, announced the establishment of party headquarters at the general election campaign unit for the final to the election. All the political and organizational preparations for the general election would come within its operation.

## Rebuff to Owen on hung House

By Philip Webster  
Chief Political Correspondent

The Liberal Assembly yesterday voted to shackle Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen by insisting that negotiations with other parties in a hung Parliament should not be conducted solely by the two Alliance leaders but by an elected team from both parties.

And in a calculated rebuff to Dr Owen it warned that any weakening of the commitment to achieving proportional representation as part of any deal with another political party would be a betrayal.

In a move which has thrown into some confusion the procedures to be followed by the Alliance in the event of a hung parliament, the assembly voted overwhelmingly in favour of a plan under which the negotiations would be conducted through a negotiating team comprised of the two leaders and other representatives elected by the parties' MPs.

It insisted that the progress of such negotiations should be reported back to the two parliamentary parties for approval and decision throughout.

The decision goes against the firmly expressed wish of Dr Owen and Mr Steel in a letter to parliamentary candidates earlier this year that they should be given a free hand in the talks. And with an equivalent decision by the SDP to impose restraint over Dr Owen, it leaves the parties with differing arrangements for the critical talks which would follow an inconclusive election.

Although he was reluctant to have his hands tied Mr Steel did not oppose yesterday's decision in the knowledge that a majority of his MPs favoured it. Having rattled some feathers in the parliamentary party over his tough stand on Polaris, he was clearly unwilling to engage in another confrontation. It was also said that he was fairly relaxed about the change because it would be his intention in any case to consult his colleagues throughout the hung parliament talks.

But the move, inspired by the Association of Liberal Councillors, undoubtedly arose from grassroots suspicions of Dr Owen and fears that Mr Steel might give too much ground in the interests of a deal. Moving the change Miss Margaret Clay, general secretary of the ALC, said it would demonstrate that the Alliance "was not a two-man band."

The warning to Dr Owen and other SDP leaders over proportional representation was given with Mr Steel's blessing. It was clear that before the important defence debate in which he faced criticism for moving too far towards Dr Owen, Mr Steel was not averse to demonstrating his independence of the SDP leader.



Mr Michael Meadowcroft, the Liberal MP for Leeds West, speaking in yesterday's debate (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

war an early Soviet task would be to cripple it, whether it had the bomb or not. If Britain hit back with nuclear weapons it would be immediately wiped out. What they needed was a rational and civilized defence policy. The amendment did not go far enough. They should reject the motion with its carefully built-in seductive and dangerous ambiguities. They should not be stampeded into further errors by fear of a spring election but preserve the true Liberal identity.

Mr Viv Bingham, parliamentary candidate for West Derbyshire, former Liberal Deputy and a vice-chairman of CND, said the commission report had given the potential for hope. All he pleaded for was the addition of a few words, in the amendment calling for non-nuclear defence, which would give a little bit more hope to the people of this country as well as to the people of this party and the Alliance, more hope that the threat of nuclear war could be reduced and eventually eliminated from Britain and the rest of the world.

Could anyone describe unilateralism as a danger to the electoral chances of the Alliance? He said the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election? Mr Richard Ryder, parliamentary candidate for Teignbridge, opposed the non-



forced young people to move from town to town. Next year would provide an unparalleled opportunity to campaign for a change in policy with more money to be invested in new property in both public and private sectors and more done to encourage private rented accommodation. To loud applause he concluded: "Our message must be clear, 'Cathy, it is time you had a home'."

Mr Stephen Connolly, parliamentary candidate for Derby North, said he had to



# Ban on lawyers in small claims courts is suggested

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals for substantially widening the scope of the small claims courts to enable the public to pursue claims quickly and cheaply without the help of lawyers are put forward by the Lord Chancellor's Department today.

The small claims procedure, used last year by individuals and small firms to settle some 45,000 disputes about sums of £500 or less, could be used for disputes involving larger sums, the department suggests in a consultation paper.

It might also be extended to cases involving "greater complexity of law or fact" with a view to cutting delays and costs.

At the same time the officials canvass a proposal to prohibit lawyers altogether from the small claims hearings, which are already geared for use by the public without a lawyer. Such a proposal might "help the individual litigant and improve the image of the small claims procedure", it says.

Alternatively the law might be changed so that non-lawyers, such as advice workers, would be granted unrestricted rights of audience at those hearings.

At present, non-lawyers can represent claimants before tribunals only, although they can appear in small claims courts with the registrar's permission.

The proposals come at a time when the Government is already suggesting - amid much opposition from lawyers - that advice workers could replace solicitors and give free legal advice under the legal aid scheme.

Today's paper, including a study of the small claims system commissioned from Touche Ross management consultants and based on

consumers' views, is part of a much wider review of civil justice and comments are invited in preparation for a forthcoming paper by the Lord Chancellor on the whole spectrum of the civil courts.

In particular it asks if a new intermediate kind of adjudication, based on the small claims procedure and simpler than a full trial, is needed for other cases, such as claims of between £1,000 and £5,000, with a judge or registrar presiding.

Such cases might be those suited to arbitration and where the costs of a full trial are disproportionate to the amount involved, but where more pre-trial attention is needed than with small claims.

The paper concludes that there is a high level of consumer satisfaction with the fairness of the small claims system. But there are weaknesses, in particular the marked variation in the amount of time courts take to deal with cases - from less than 16 weeks to more than 36 weeks.

It suggests several reforms: courts, and not the parties in the case, should set a timetable for the case; registrars should act more "inquisitorially" to find out the facts of the case and iron out any imbalances in forensic skill between the parties; courts should do away with preliminary hearings and dispose of cases at a single hearing.

It finally proposes that the public's preference for the title "small claims court" should be officially adopted and used in the relevant court forms. The court would remain part of the High Court.

Lord Chancellor's Department, Civil Justice Review consultation paper: small claims. (From Neville House, Page Street, SW1 4LS; £1.)



The Endellion String Quartet performing outside the house in Ebury Street, central London, where Mozart lived in 1764, aged eight. Mr Leslie Howard (standing), was commissioned by the Cricklade Festival to complete the half-finished Mozart Quartet-Movement K464A, considered a late work. The players (left to right) are Andrew Watkinson, Ralph de Souza, Garfield Jackson and David Waterman. The work's world premiere will be given at the festival, on Saturday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

# Bomb plot trial told of 'IRA gypsy contact'

Gypsy Mr Thomas Maguire, an alleged provisional IRA "go-between", described to police a Dublin contact who looked like a long-haired gypsy woman, the Central Criminal Court in London was told yesterday.

Detective Sergeant John Sale said that Mr Maguire, aged 27, told British detectives that the mysterious Greta was "like a gypsy Petulegro". Mr Maguire, who is accused of helping to organize a plan to blow up a public house in Blackpool, denied being a member of any proscribed organisation when he was seized last year under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Sergeant Sale said that when

officers broke into Mr Maguire's flat in Milbourne Street, Blackpool, and arrested him in an early morning raid, he told them: "I can't believe this." During later interrogation, Sergeant Sale said, Mr Maguire maintained he had no interest in politics. But the Irishman, a graduate of

University College Dublin, eventually admitted having been active in H Block demonstrations. Mr Maguire pleads not guilty to conspiring in January 1982 and April 1983 with Mr Patrick Magee, Mr Patrick Murray and others to cause an explosion. The case continues today.

# Advice on medicines ignored by patients

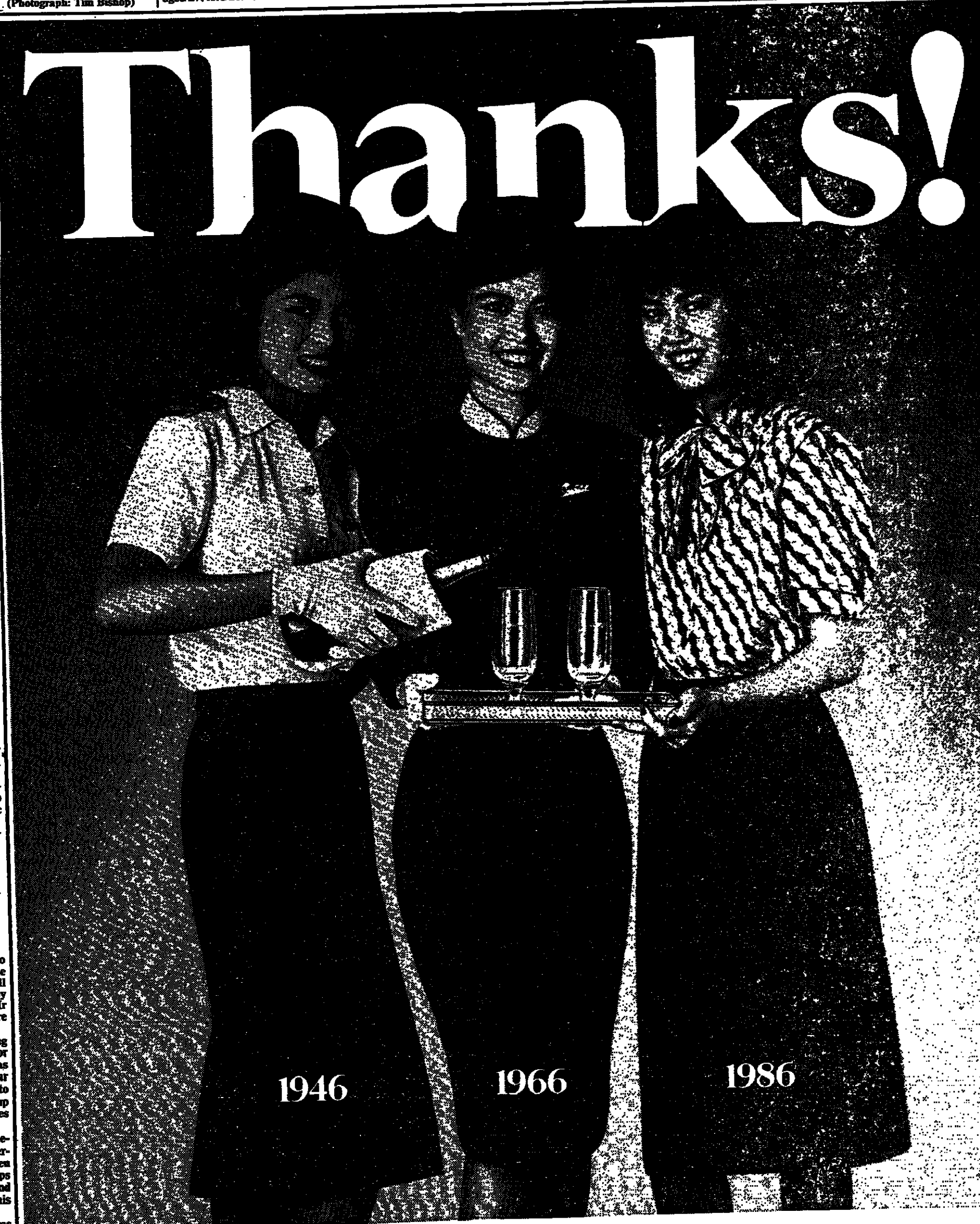
Between 30 and 50 per cent of British patients, some of whom are seriously ill, do not comply with prescribers' instructions, the British Pharmaceutical Conference was told yesterday. Mr John Sharp, a project manager of the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry, said that an even higher percentage of elderly people did not comply with instructions about taking medicines.

"Many patients make errors of omission or commission that could endanger their health," he said.

Dr Derek Balon, a community pharmacist in Edgware, north London, told an audience of 1,000 pharmacists, who attended the annual conference in Jersey, that serious illness did not always cause patients to exercise greater care to comply with instructions.

"The disease appears to be relatively unimportant as a determinant of compliance. This includes its severity, the degree of disability which results, its duration and any previous hospitalization", he said.

"The most interesting fact to have come out of investigations is that the severity of disease as perceived by the patient cannot be correlated with compliance. This is counter to common wisdom."



# Big surge in building contracts

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

New construction figures due out today will disclose a big surge in building in Britain over the past 12 months.

Figures from The Department of Environment are expected to show that over the past three months orders for private houses are up by 10 per cent on the same period a year ago, while those for commercial development have increased by 25 per cent.

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, believes that total orders for new building work, including private and public sector housing and industrial and commercial work, are now at a higher level since 1979.

With the continuing increase in orders, the Government is confident 1986 will be the fifth successive year in which the construction industry's output has increased, which has not happened since the 1950s.

# Equipment enters drill test site

By Trodi McIntosh

Villagers sang hymns yesterday after scattering flower petals in the path of a convoy of drilling equipment arriving at the proposed nuclear waste dump at Fulbeck, Lincolnshire.

Police lined the main road to the site and perimeter fence as the seven lorries and trucks arrived at the former airfield.

Protesters from the Lincolnshire Against Nuclear Dumping group had earlier agreed to allow the convoy in to the site.

Villagers and members of the environmental group, Greenpeace, camped overnight to mount the protest.

The move by Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, came after a month-long blockade by protesters from surrounding villages.

Test drilling at all four proposed dumps is expected to start within three weeks.

Six people arrested on Monday at the Killingholme dump site in south Humberside have been released.

# Enigma codes

## How Churchill arrived at a fighting strategy

By David Sapsted

Winston Churchill relied almost entirely on the Enigma decoding machine to decide every aspect of Britain's fighting strategy in the Second World War, according to a book published this week.

The Prime Minister, along with a small circle of close advisers, used the decrypts of top-secret messages from Berlin to determine everything from the date of the Battle of Alamein to the timing for D-Day.

"For the first time it is possible to see how Churchill's knowledge of the German messages affected our strategy down to the smallest detail," Mr Martin Gilbert says in his book, *Road to Victory*.

"Only 12 people, including Churchill, were allowed to know how this remarkable system dictated our every move in the war. Not even Sir John Colville (the Prime Minister's private secretary) was in on the secret."

According to Mr Gilbert's research, Churchill would meet twice daily with three other men, the then General Sir Alan Brooke, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal and A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to pore over the Enigma reports coming from the Bletchley base.

Sometimes, they were in possession of Hitler's orders even before German commanders on the Eastern Front or in North Africa. The four

some would decide what to do purely on the basis of the messages, with Churchill occasionally being consulted by the military chiefs in what Mr Gilbert regards as a "bizarre display of democracy".

When the plans were being hatched for D-Day, the author adds, the decision to move was not made until it was clear Berlin had been fooled into believing a Russian build-up was under way for offensives in Norway and Bulgaria.

Only when the Enigma decrypts showed that the German High Command had been deceived into shifting troops from France to the north and east did Churchill give his blessing to a second front.

"The timing of Alamein was put back until Churchill was sure the Germans could not fight effectively for long. The intelligence we were getting made it impossible for Rommel to win," Mr Gilbert says.

The system only worked, he explains, because Berlin could not believe its top-secret codes had been cracked and because the Enigma process was never betrayed.

"When I set out to write this book, I wanted to determine the extent of Churchill's influence on the war. It turned out that the overriding influence was the effect of our signals intelligence on him," Mr Gilbert says. *Road to Victory* (William Heinemann, £20).

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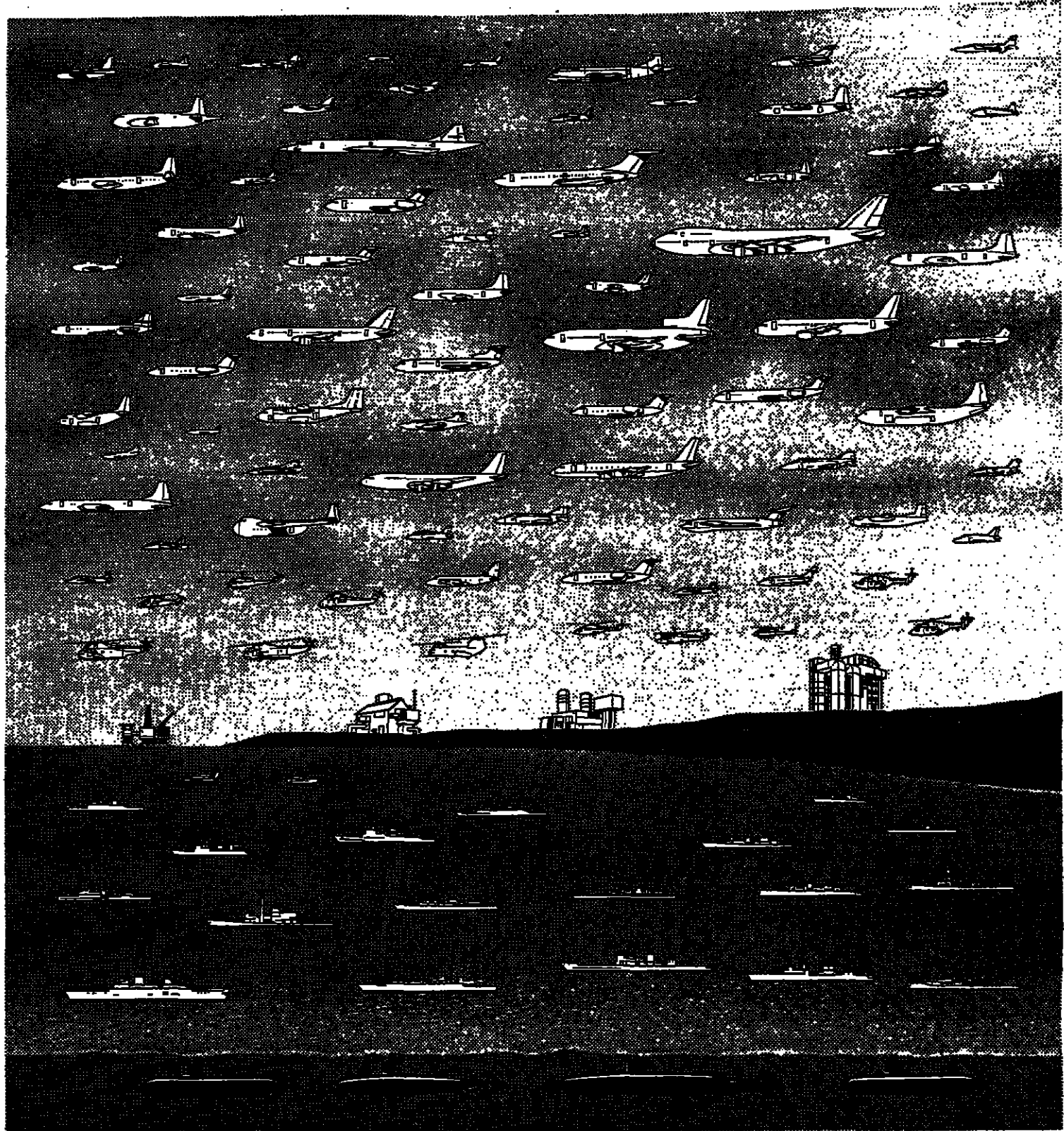
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# Scotland takes top place in RICS/The Times conservation scheme.

## Restoring grandeur of Stevenson's day wins 1986 award

By Caroline Moorehead

"A pleasant gabled house set among some brave young woods by the walk-side" was how Robert Louis Stevenson described Pirlig House in Edinburgh, which was announced last night as winner of the 1986 Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and The Times Conservation Awards.

Stevenson's grandfather, Lewis Balfour, was born in Pirlig in 1777 and the building featured in both *Kidnapped* and *Catriona*.

Pirlig House, a late example of a traditional Scottish laird's home, built in 1638, wins first prize in the privately funded schemes category of the awards. The other category, for publicly funded schemes, has no first prize winner, but joint second prizes go to an eighteenth century tenement building in the Royal Mile of Edinburgh, Advocate's Close, and to a Georgian house in Worcester, 163 London Road.

Six buildings have won prizes in the two categories, with a further nine commended, from a total of 60 schemes entered under the 1986 theme of "Conserving Residential Property".

It is the sixteenth RICS/The Times Conservation Award, the project having been launched in 1971 to honour European Heritage Year and to encourage people to be

more conscious of the importance of conservation.

Entrants had to be properties built as one or several residences and converted - with a completion date set between January 1983 and December 1985 - to a number of flats. All conversions to non-residential use were excluded.

Church cottages, manor houses, terrace houses, converted schools and stables all appear among the entrants.

The six winners - a laird's home, a timber-framed wing of a former large house, a tenement building, a stone-clad Georgian house and a nineteenth century listed house, some almshouses - reflect the enormous diversity of the schemes submitted.

Skill and ingenuity in conversion were not enough: entrants had to prove value for money, inventiveness in solving technical difficulties, efficiency in planning and building, and show that the finished result enhanced the appearance of the surroundings.

Pirlig House was once a somewhat plain building, to which subsequent owners had added a Greek classical doorway, timber panelling, decorative plasterwork and finally a Victorian wing. The house fell into disuse after

being given to the City of Edinburgh in 1941 for use as a museum.

Natural decay, persistent vandalism and, in 1971, a fire, had reduced the house to a ruin. When, in 1983, Wimpey Homes Holdings and Michael Laird and Partners, a firm of architects, won the contract to restore the house to its original state they found an almost totally derelict shell.

After that, it was a case of faithful reconstruction. Wimpey and the architects embarked on an exhaustive programme of research, digging up old photographs, drawings and books to help them recreate the house as precisely as possible.

Any stonework that could be salvaged from the rubble was put to one side and used again. Bit by bit, stone by stone, the marriage lintel saved and put back and the turnpike stair refashioned, Pirlig grew back into its former shape. Alongside, the architects laid out a small sunken garden, with plants they believe would have been growing there in the early seventeenth century.

The restored house and garden have transformed Pirlig Park from a wilderness dominated by a blackened and crumbling ruin to a charming and inviting place.



Mr Rogers (left) and Mr Laird, the architects, outside Pirlig House, the 1986 winner.

No first prize was awarded in the publicly funded category because the entrants did not meet all the requirements. For the most part imaginatively and skilfully converted outside, the buildings were almost without exception disappointing inside.

Advocate's Close won its joint second prize for the immense improvement it brings to the Royal Mile and for the ingenuity of its conversion, while the Worcester property won on the strength of its design.

### Winners and commendations

- Privately funded schemes**
- First prize: Pirlig House, Bonnington Road, Edinburgh. A Scottish laird's house of 1638. Michael Laird and Partners.
- Second prize: Tanyard, Farnham, Surrey. Sixteenth century timber-framed wing of a now vanished much larger house. The Farnham Building Preservation Trust.
- Third prize: Harpenden Lodge, Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. A Grade II listed house of 1803. Planwell Properties (Herts).
- Publicly funded schemes**
- Joint second prize: Advocate's Close, High Street, Edinburgh. Eighteenth century tenement building in the Royal Mile. McMenan & Brown.
- 163 London Road, Worcester. Stone-clad Georgian house. The Sprial Housing Association.
- Next year's conservation award, with the theme *A New Lease of Life*, is open to the private and public sectors and will consist of two groups:
1. Residential property or properties converted to non-residential use.
  2. Non-residential property converted to residential.
- The closing date for entries is January 31, 1987.
- 3, 5 and 7 Ogleforth, York and Charity of Jane Wright, Orchard House, Banbury Road, Litchborough, Northants. Benjamin Smith.
2. Public sector
- Dial House, 790 High Road, London N19. Levitt Bernstein Associates, for Metropolitan Housing Trust and London Borough of Haringey.
- Manor House, Park Lane, Bristol. Bristol City Council, for Manor House Trust for Aged Ladies.
- Phase 2 Queen Anne's Court, Barnstaple, Devon. Sprial Housing Association.
- 1 & 3 Hollybank Road, Birkenhead. Venture Housing Association.
- 3 Huskisson Street, Liverpool. Ken Worrall, for Canning Co-operative Housing.
- The Old Guild Hall, Clavering, Essex. Essex County Council.
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The interior of one of the flats within what was until recently a fire-blackened ruin.

## A forest haven for Britain's reptiles

By Hugh Clayton

An agreement signed yesterday deep in a Dorset forest will protect some of the last surviving patches of countryside inhabited by all six native British reptiles.

The deal between the British Herpetological Society and the Forestry Commission underlines the new commitment of the commission, the largest land owner in Britain and owner of all the country's nationalized woodland, to encourage and protect wild life in its timber plantations.

"Forest management now has a lot of conservation requirements built into it", Mr Martin Orrom, environment officer for the west region of the commission, explained. "They are not bolt-on extras any more". The land in Wareham Forest, between Tolpuddle and Bourne-mouth, includes some of the best snake and lizard habitats in Britain.

Mr Keith Corbett, conservation officer with the society, arrived to sign the agreement with one of only about 2,000 adult smooth snakes left in Britain. It stared through bright yellow eyes and darted its forked tongue towards the patch of open heather which the commission has agreed to leave clear of trees to encourage the local reptiles.

"This sort of heathland used to occur over a vast part of Dorset", Mr Corbett said. "Now it is reduced to little remnants."

Deeper in the forest, Mr Eric Masters, a senior ranger with the commission, stood under a ramrod-straight pine tree destined to become a telegraph pole. His job had been extended from controlling deer and squirrels to looking after the bats that nested in the boxes nailed to the tree.

He extracted a long-eared bat from a cloth bag and said the forest had become an outstanding haven for wildlife.

The poisonous adder is found in the forest as well as the non-poisonous grass and smooth snakes, not to mention all three British lizards, including the plump and extremely scarce sand lizard.

The smooth snake is the only constrictor found wild in Britain. It coils itself round a lizard before swallowing it in one piece. It can reach a length of 72cm and live for more than 25 years.

## Tory book considers national policing

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Concern within the Conservative Party about the ability of the police to remain free from political control and react to national emergencies has led to consideration of the need for a national police force.

A booklet by the Conservative Study Group on Crime envisages the force being accountable nationally through the Home Secretary, provided it served only England and Wales.

Initially, at least, it would seem proper for the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Ireland and perhaps Wales to retain responsibility for their own national forces, the booklet says.

Police intelligence would be better co-ordinated at national and local level, to anticipate more effectively potential outbreaks of civil disorder and serious crime, it says.

But the local unit would be accountable to local consultative committees given strengthened statutory recognition.

There have been attempts to bring the operational and professional discretion of chief constables in Liverpool, Manchester and the West Midlands under close political control. Similar tendencies by left-wing councils in the London area have been mooted, the booklet says.

The "constitutional" solution to these threats would be to make the whole police service accountable to Parliament through ministers: in other words to establish a national police force.

An independent inspectorate would be responsible for the whole country. As in the case of other professions, the public should be able to lay complaints before an ombudsman or parliamentary commissioner. It would replace the existing Police Complaints Authority.

But the booklet says there are also strong arguments "for leaving things more or less as they are". In England and Wales, the individual police officer holds the office of constable under the Crown. That status reinforces the independence of chief constables. Its removal would make the introduction of a police state that much easier.

Pirlig House, built 1638. Burnt down, 1971. Restored by Wimpey Homes and Michael Laird & Partners, architects, 1986.



## It doesn't usually take a Wimpey home 350 years to win an Award.

What should we do to make the best of Pirlig House? We'd bought the land at Balfour Street, Edinburgh, for new housing. But it also contained the fire-blackened ruins of this late example of a traditional Scottish Laird's house, a building of A-listed quality.

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The result has won a First Prize in the RICS/The Times Conservation Awards competition.

Opening the scheme officially, the Minister for Local Government and the Environment generously complimented the skills of all the craftsmen involved "who

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The Chernobyl aftermath

Western disaster predicted

From Pearce Wright Vienna

The next Chernobyl-type nuclear power station disaster will occur in Europe or North America within five to eight years, according to an international study commissioned by Greenpeace International, to be published today.

This is the main conclusion of the Reactor Hazards Report, a document prepared for a special meeting of government ministers of the 120-member countries of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In principle, politicians will put the finishing touches over the next three days to a

number of conventions to impose tighter safety standards on the nuclear industry, to ensure better early warnings to neighbouring countries of an accident and to provide for expert relief in coping with a disaster.

That is the intention of the so-called "Western nuclear industry club", comprising the United States, Britain, France and West Germany, together with the Soviet Union.

Countries like Austria and Sweden, which have declared a moratorium on nuclear expansion, and Norway and Denmark, which suffered from the fall-out of Chernobyl, are taking a different line. At the very least,

they seek sanctions, in terms of financial compensation, for "transboundary" radioactive contamination.

The ministerial meeting is the political sequel to a technical conference in August at which Russian experts presented the details of their inquiry into Chernobyl.

After reviewing the information, the member states of the "nuclear industry club" came to an understanding for the support of future safety conventions.

But the committed nuclear countries face opposition from an alliance of "green" organizations from the US, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, The Netherlands and

Scandinavia which commissioned the study on reactor safety.

Its findings are being called the "seven-year accident cycle" among those who have seen the pre-publication copies.

The inquiry looked at the seven types of atomic reactors which form the bulk of the world's nuclear power stations, in the light of the Chernobyl accident.

The study was arranged by a former nuclear industry scientist, Dr Helmut Hirsch, who now directs the Ecological Research Group in Hanover, north Germany.

Other individuals with industrial backgrounds who contributed to the study were Mr Gordon Thompson, from the US, Mr Ralph Torrie, from Canada, Mr Mycle Schneider from France, and two Britons, Mr Richard Anderson and Mr John Large.

They conclude that Chernobyl showed that the three articles of faith on which the nuclear industry was based were false.

These were: ● A large accident releasing the contents of a nuclear reactor could not happen; ● People had never been killed directly by a nuclear power station accident;

● A nuclear-bomb explosion could not occur in the uranium fuel of a nuclear power station.

Their inquiries looked at the "excuses" that each country's industry made as to why the Chernobyl reactor design was unique in its lack of safety features.

The "green" advisers say that it had a secondary containment system comparable with that in many Western reactors, and better than some.

Reactors with comparable pressure tube design, and reactors with large graphite cores, were all designed, built and operated in the West.



A fireman in Omaha, Nebraska, struggling through hail more than knee deep after a violent thunderstorm which needed snowploughs to clear city streets on Monday.

Czechoslovak guards fire as 2 cross border

Bonn - Czechoslovak border guards opened fire on two East German men who escaped to West Germany on Monday night, only four days after they shot and fatally wounded a West German during another escape, Bavarian border police said yesterday (John England writes).

A police spokesman in Munich said two men, both tradesmen aged 22, escaped unhurt near Mähring, in the Tirschenreuth district of Bavaria.

A wary Church meets the state in Poland

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's Catholic Church leaders yesterday held important talks with the Government, the first consultations since the authorities freed more than 200 political prisoners and said they were willing to listen to domestic critics.

The question confronting the Church, the Government and, in a different way, Solidarity, is how to open a line of dialogue without resorting to communist front organiza-

Brigadier is new envoy to Israel

Jerusalem - The peace between Israel and Egypt became a little warmer yesterday when Brigadier General Mohammed Bassiouny presented his credentials as Egypt's second Ambassador to Israel (Ian Murray writes).

Egypt withdrew its Ambassador after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and it was only this month that President Mubarak agreed to restore diplomatic relations at the highest level.

£2bn loans

Helsinki (Reuters) - Finland will borrow 14.7 billion markka (£2 billion), 23 per cent more than in the current year, to balance its budget for the financial year 1987.

Fair threat

Los Angeles - The Mayor of Los Angeles, Mr Tom Bradley, recommended that the city's annual street fair should be abolished because of growing street violence.

Ecevit cleared

Ankara (AP) - The former Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, has been cleared of violating a law barring him from political activity.

Britons die

Williams, Arizona (AP) - Five people, including four Britons, died in a two-vehicle accident when one driver turned off the ignition to coast and lost his power steering.

Space debris

Brussels (AFP) - Unidentified flying objects seen over France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg could have been Soviet space debris burning out in the upper atmosphere, scientists said.

Emission greater than all of world's bombs and testing

From Paul Vailley, New York

to the development of cancers and genetic diseases.

Apologists for the nuclear industry in the West have pointed out that unit 4 at Chernobyl did not have as massive a steel and concrete containment cap as do Western reactors. But the report says it was unlikely that any cap could have withstood the massive Chernobyl blast.

The cause of the disaster, the study reveals, was a test which the Russians considered routine. It was designed to see whether the plant's turbines

Austria yesterday ordered the dismantling of its only nuclear power plant, at Zwentendorf, in what was probably its last key decision before general elections on November 23 (Reuters reports from Vienna).

The plant was never used because of a 1978 referendum, which voted narrowly against putting it into operation.

would continue running with enough energy to power emergency equipment if the reactor was shut down. It was carried out by electrical experts and not physicists.

The test was to be conducted at 20 per cent power. But the control to cut the power was inadequately regulated. It dropped to 1 per cent, at which level the reactor was inherently unstable. "It was like trying to balance a baseball on top of a water melon," Dr Kouts said.

A computer readout indicated the extreme danger and warned that the reactor should be shut down immediately. But the operators proceeded with the test.

They had, at some time in the previous 24 hours, illegally turned off the safety device

which would have brought automatic shut-down. Their motive was that they wanted to be able to repeat the test, and needed the reactor running.

So they raised the power to 6 per cent and held it there despite a rule that it should not operate below 20 per cent. To increase the power the operator raised 211 of the 215 control rods from the reactor's core in contravention of another rule which says that 30 is the minimum safe number.

Yet despite all this the situation could have been saved in the last 40 seconds, the report says. It was 36 seconds later that the operators realized their mistake.

They tried to shut down the reactor by dropping control rods into the core. But they dropped by gravity and that would have taken about 10 seconds, much slower than in western reactors.

At ten seconds past 1.23 am on April 26 unit 4 blew apart. The fuel atomized. The graphite, which normally operates at temperatures of 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit to accelerate the chain reaction which produces the power, caught fire. There were at least two explosions; the second was possibly a steam one, a third perhaps hydrogen. The 1,000-ton steel cover disintegrated.

About 25 per cent of the radiation was released immediately, the report says, and the rest over the next eight days. More than eight tons of radioactive material was blasted like a gigantic fireworks display into the atmosphere.

That fact emphasizes the need for broad emergency measures to protect a large number of people over a wide area for a considerable time, the Western scientists say.

The first major Western report based on data released last month by Soviet scientists has concluded that the Chernobyl nuclear disaster emitted more long-term radiation into the world's air, water and topsoil than has been produced by all the atomic bombs and nuclear tests ever exploded.

The review, by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, casts doubt upon many of the Soviet Union's emergency responses, catalogues several design faults at Chernobyl and condemns consistent violation of safety procedures by Russian operators.

"The operators got swelled heads," Dr Herbert Kouts, one of the principal authors, told an American Nuclear Society symposium in New York last week.

Chernobyl had the best operating record of any plant in the Soviet Union, and its operators, he said, got into a "mindset" that nothing could go wrong.

"They thought they could do anything to this reactor. That should be a lesson for everyone," said Dr Kouts, head of the Department of Nuclear Energy at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The American report says that the reactor may have emitted as much as 50 per cent more caesium, the primary long-term component in radioactive fallout, than the world had ever experienced.

Nuclear bombs and tests produce radiation which has more dramatic and immediate effects, but the fallout lasts only a matter of months.

Caesium, on the other hand, has a harmful life of more than 100 years and has been linked

British pledge of action on air transport

Brussels - Efforts to liberalize air transport in Europe and move toward cheaper air fares are to be intensified before Britain gives up the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers in December, Mr John Moore, the Minister of Transport, said yesterday (Richard Owen writes).

Addressing the Transport Committee of the European Parliament, he said that he was calling a special EEC meeting on air transport in 10 days' time, in addition to the EEC Transport Ministers meetings already scheduled for November and December.

"The consumers of Europe have suffered too long from inflexible fares," he said.

Rau promises Germans a safe and fair future

From John England, Bonn

Herr Johannes Rau, the candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) for the West German chancellorship in the federal election in January, yesterday promised Germans a safe and socially fair future for all if his party were elected to power.

Presenting the SPD's manifesto in Bonn, Herr Rau said that its seven main points, headed by the fight against mass unemployment, presented a clear alternative to the Government's "unjust" financial and tax policies.

He said that SPD tax reforms would require financially "stronger shoulders" to support the weaker. But citi-

zens would be told who would have to make sacrifices, and who would be given tax relief.

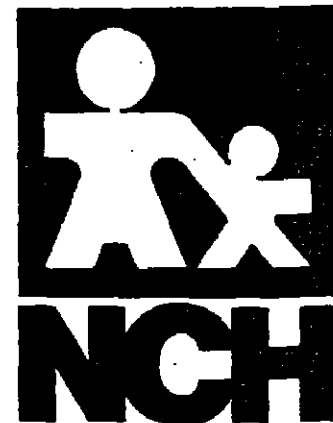
Other main points in the SPD programme are ecological renewal of the industrial society, a secure energy supply without nuclear power, social peace and justice, real equality between men and women, defence of the liberal state based on the rule of law, and a new, greater effort for peace, easing of East-West tensions and disarmament.

The programme, approved by the SPD national executive on Monday, will be tabled for final acceptance by a party election conference in Offenbach tomorrow.

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Partial advertisement for an officer, showing the word 'Officer' and a small image of a person in uniform.



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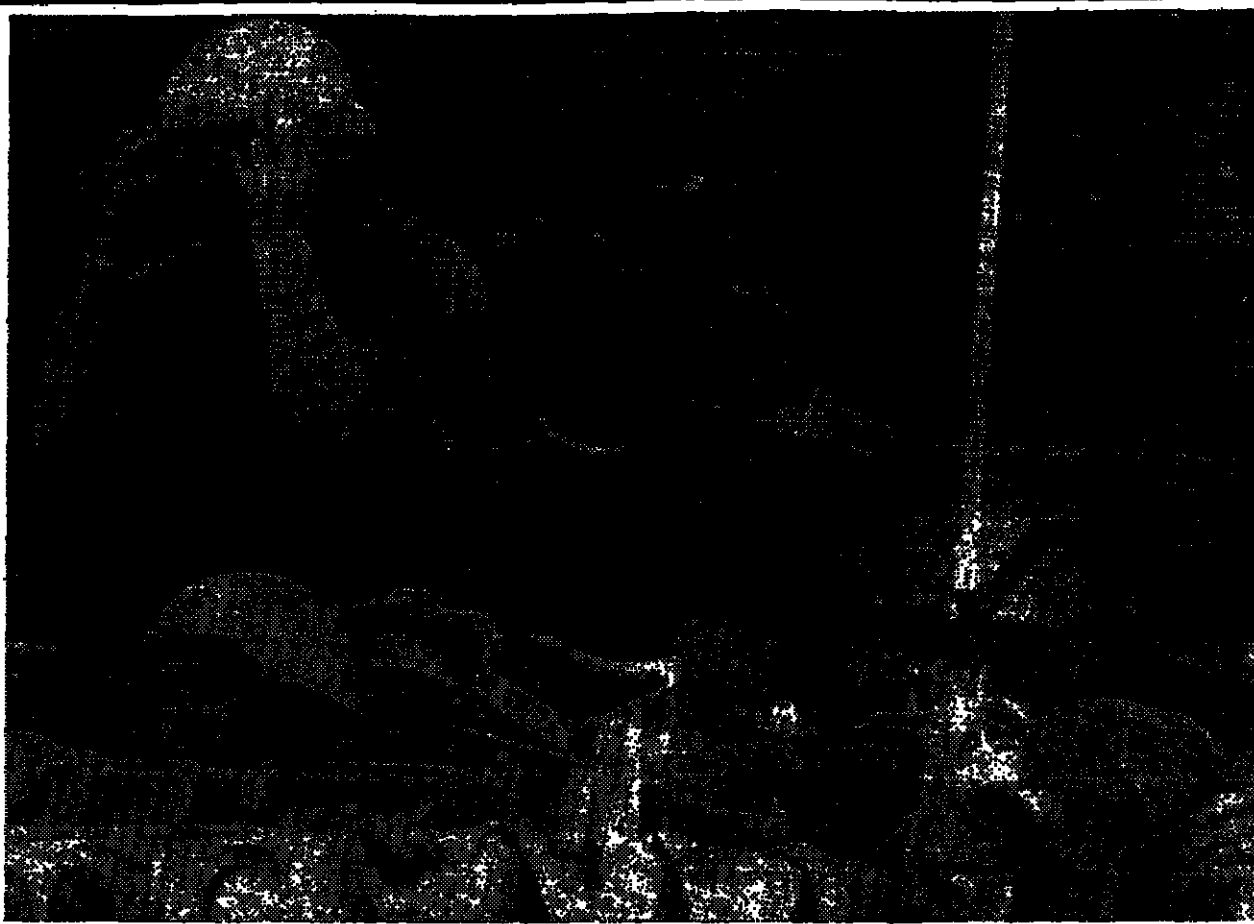
Peres tries to allay fears of new push across border

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister of Israel, flew back from the UN General Assembly in New York yesterday and immediately set about trying to calm fears that Israeli troops massed along the northern border were preparing a new Lebanese invasion.

Although a considerable Israeli force, backed by tanks and heavy weapons, is poised along the border, Mr Peres made clear that he hoped they would not be used and that even the "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia, which Israel maintains inside the frontier "security zone", was not yet asking for help.

At the same time he said that there was no question of Israel's bowing to UN pressure to withdraw its support from the SLA, to leave the "security zone" or to allow soldiers of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) to deploy along the frontier.



Israeli soldiers in an armoured personnel carrier during a patrol of the northern border with Lebanon.

Such a raid, however, cannot be ruled out, provided Israel believes it has conclusive proof that any such raid will strike at a unit involved closely in the synagogue bombing.

The key to the situation would therefore seem to be in the hands of the Shia Muslim militia and, more particularly, the pro-Iranian Hezbollah fundamentalists.

The Government does not want to fall into such a trap, but there is little doubt that it will be prepared to do so rather than to see the SLA defeated and the "security zone" endangered.

Syria threatens to hit back if Israel attacks

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The massing of Israeli troops along the Lebanese border brought forth yesterday threats of "stunning retaliation" from President Assad of Syria and warnings of a bloodbath from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God).

Whether an Israeli ground attack has been averted or merely postponed, Lebanese guerrillas promised again to escalate their war against Israel's militia allies and to destroy the Israeli occupation zone in the south, even taking the war into Israel.

The crisis in southern Lebanon is far from over, even though the guns have yet to start firing. As Mr Hussein Musawi, one of Hezbollah's most prominent leaders in the city of Bealbek, said: "We want Rabin (the Israeli Defence Minister) to understand his surroundings in a predicament for the battle against Israel."

The Israeli army gave no sign of advancing into Lebanon during the day. But the placing of large numbers of heavy artillery batteries along the Israeli frontier and within the occupation zone led many Lebanese to suspect that rather than stage a costly incursion the Israelis might be preparing to unleash an artillery bombardment upon the Shia Muslim villages.

Israel claims that the guerrillas have emerged from these villages to attack its proxy "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia.

The Israelis have many times threatened to do just that. Given their practice of firing "time-on-target" barrages on west Beirut during the siege of 1982, concentrating a large number of shells on the smallest possible area, it is not impossible that this tactic is again being considered by the Israeli army.

That certainly was what President Assad seemed to be suggesting during a meeting with Lebanese politicians in Damascus.

The Israelis, he said, might fire shells across the frontier, since they were unlikely to invade. But if they did attempt a full-scale invasion, he added, "the retaliation will be stunning. It will be a surprise to all."

His warning, reported in the left-wing Beirut newspaper of *Habib*, gave no indication what form such retaliation would take. But an Israeli incursion into the eastern Bekaa valley would bring Israeli troops to within a few miles of the Syrian front line south of Chbura.

Mr Musawi is officially leader of the Islamic Amal movement, which broke away from the Shia Amal militia in 1982 when its leader, Mr Nabih Berri, agreed to take part in a Lebanese government of National Salvation.

He provided what was perhaps the angriest response in Lebanon to the Israeli army's increased presence in the south. "If he (Mr Rabin) insists on his threats, then he must remove his proxy (the SLA) and come out to battle us face to face," he said.

Hezbollah announced that it would increase its attacks on the SLA, 16 of whose men have been killed by guerrillas in the past two weeks, until Israel was forced to dismantle its occupation zone.

There were further attacks on French UN troops in southern Lebanon during yesterday morning. Four Katyusha rockets were fired at the French battalion headquarters at Marrakeh when paratrooper officers were taking breakfast in their mess.

One of the missiles, fired from a launcher 700 yards away, smashed the perimeter barbed wire, blasting in the windows and throwing the soldiers from their chairs but causing no injuries.

For the first time, Hezbollah implicitly denied yesterday being responsible for attacks on the French.

Security Council in Lebanese labyrinth

By Zoriana Pysarivsky, New York

The United Nations Security Council has descended into the labyrinth of Lebanese politics in meetings that may well decide the fate of the UN peacekeeping force, Unifil, whose presence has taken on strategic significance in the battle for control of the south.

Ostensibly, the Council has convened at France's request to underline Unifil's growing vulnerability and to debate recommendations for enhancing security put forward by a special UN mission.

Since its confrontation with the Shia Amal militia, Unifil has suffered almost daily attacks, most of them against its 1,400-strong French contingent, which many believe to be the lifeblood of the force.

But in reality France is playing with Lebanese politics from afar. By implicitly placing in doubt its continued contribution to the force it is attempting to force Syria's hand over the pro-Iranian Hezbollah which is widely believed responsible for the recent attacks on Unifil.

Syria will be forced to choose between trying to rein in Hezbollah and risk worsening relations with Iran, or to reconcile itself with the force's departure, which would produce a vacuum in the relative stability Unifil oversees. Observers believe that vacuum could easily be filled by extremist Hezbollah gunmen.

But a major impounder is whether Syria, whose efforts to stabilize Lebanon under its own wing appear to be unravelling, has retained enough power to influence Hezbollah. Unifil, once thought by the Israelis to be an irritant and by the Lebanese to be a means of perpetuating the illusion of Lebanese government authority, could well become a litmus test for Syrian ability to power-broke in Lebanon and the Middle East.

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Platinum find brings threat to environment

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

An important platinum deposit, which would relieve Australia's dependence on South Africa for the mineral, exists in an area of the Northern Territory which has become the subject of an environmental battle.

Senator Gareth Evans, Minister for Resources and Energy, has said that the deposit has export potential.

The discovery was intended to sustain the government argument in favour of exploiting known mineral deposits, including uranium, in Kakadu National Park, an important wetland reserve.

Announcement of Canberra's plans has caused vehement protest from environmentalists, and the Cabinet decided last week the area within the park's present boundaries would remain inviolable.

It also decided that an area known as stage three, which includes the Coronation Hill platinum deposit and is scheduled for incorporation into Kakadu, might be exploited if the resources were of "national economic significance".

World Bridge Ousted pairs live again in repêchage

From A Bridge Correspondent, Miami Beach

A novel feature of the Olympic pairs bridge championships being played here is that at all stages up to the final the pairs already eliminated can re-enter the main event by way of repêchage.

The quarter-final ended in the small hours yesterday morning. One hundred and fifty-six qualified pairs will be joined by the 12 leading pairs from the repêchage in a two-day semi-final. Some 200 eliminated pairs will compete for six places in the final.

The top quarter-final pair was Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell (US). British qualifiers are Roman Smolksi and Henry Berhe (46), Tony Sower and Paul Hackett (56), Patrick Jourdain and Barry Rigal (143), and Geoff Liggins and Andy Robson (147).

The two British pairs competing in the women's championship qualified for the next start - Sally Hortop and Sandra Landy in fourth place, and Kerry Berhe and Lisa Shaw in fifth place.

Clyde G. Nixon rates Telford so highly because of what's happened to his company since they moved there in 1983.

In an industry that was hit hard by recession, it's a move that has proved a considerable success.

The company in question is Warner and Swasey, a major manufacturer of systems machine tools. Mr Nixon is their U.S. based President.

Prior to 1983, Warner and Swasey's U.K. factory was sited in Halifax where they were shedding jobs. Since the move to Telford not one job has been lost and they are now actively planning their expansion.

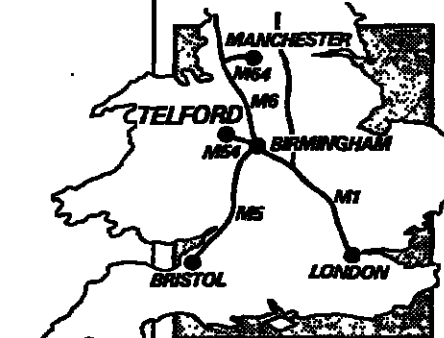
So how has the choice of Telford helped Warner and Swasey in this remarkable turnaround?

For a start, in terms of transport options, Telford could hardly be bettered.

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And this is where Telford Development Corporation really came into its own. In the words of John Glorioso, Warner and Swasey's U.K. Managing Director, the people at the Development Corporation were "unbelievably helpful".

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# Soviet airline security faces review after hijack deaths

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A thorough review of Soviet airline security, especially covering procedures at the large number of provincial airports, many of which are geographically remote, is expected to follow Saturday's abortive seizure of a Tupolev 134 airliner with 76 passengers on board.

The bloody and still incompletely explained incident near the Ural industrial town of Ufa, some 700 miles east of Moscow — in which six people, including the two hijackers, lost their lives — was one of the most violent ever acknowledged by the authorities here.

The brief press account of the seizure of the plane and the subsequent shoot-out led many Muscovites to approach Western contacts yesterday in an effort to discover more details. But few were forthcoming because of the remoteness of the spot and the news blackout imposed by the authorities.

As has been the practice after previous reported examples of air piracy inside the Soviet Union, the terrorists involved were described only as "criminals" and "drug addicts", and no public indication was given of any political or personal motivation in seizing the aircraft, which was grounded at the time for re-fuelling.

Similar tactics aimed at eliminating any popular sympathy for hijackers occurred in 1983 when a plane was seized by a group of Georgians.

One was later described as a drug addict, another as a neo-Nazi, and the official media alleged that their action had been masterminded by a former priest, also portrayed as a "drug addict", who was a regular listener to Voice of America.

According to American sources, Saturday's attempted hijack was the 24th such incident known to have taken place in the Soviet Union since the 1950s, including defections or attempted defections in Soviet military aircraft.

Many of the previous attempts have also been unsuccessful, the majority carried out by Soviet citizens anxious to escape to the West.

The first known Soviet hijack occurred during the mid-1950s when a man and a woman armed with pistols attempted to commandeer a plane on a domestic flight over the Baltic republics, one of the parts of the Soviet Union where nationalism is strongest. Both were eventually disarmed and the flight engineer, who was killed, was made a posthumous Hero of the Soviet Union.

As the world's largest carrier, Aeroflot (official motto "speed and comfort") has in recent years already greatly increased security surrounding the estimated 4,000 scheduled flights that its fleet of approximately 2,000 planes makes every day. Precise statistics remain a closely-guarded military secret.

# Islamabad guard shot by airport intruders

Islamabad (AP) — Four unidentified gunmen who reached the main runway at the Pakistani capital's airport at the weekend shot a security guard who challenged them, officials said yesterday.

An Airport Security Force spokesman said that the gunmen were seen on the runway at about midnight on Sunday. The guard challenged the men, who opened fire with automatic weapons. He was said yesterday to be in a stable condition.

The Pakistan Government ordered immediate improvements in airport security after the Pan Am jet hijack at Karachi on September 5, during which 20 passengers were killed and four Palestinian hijackers were captured.

But the incident at Islamabad indicates that there are still security problems.

The spokesman declined to speculate on the reasons for the intrusion. He said the authorities were searching for the four men.

Airport sources said that the incident took place an hour before a Saudia airliner and a British Airways 747 jumbo jet were to land.

Three Saudia offices in Karachi were bombed earlier this summer, but no-one has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The four men arrested in the Pan Am hijack are being held in Karachi, where Pakistani security officials have expressed concern about the possibility of a rescue attempt to free them.

The four said during the hijack that they wanted to secure the release of three men being held in Cyprus. Islamabad and Karachi are the country's two main airports.



A Thai soldier burning some of the marijuana seized in Lampang Province at the weekend during a three-day operation in which troops set alight some 20 acres of plantations.

# Squatters end Copenhagen flats protest

Copenhagen — Life gradually returned to normal in Copenhagen yesterday as police began dismantling barricades after 300 squatters called off a nine-day occupation of a condemned building in the Osterbro quarter (Christopher Follett writes).

The squatters peacefully evacuated the block of flats on Monday night after having failed to secure the support of local politicians for a permanent takeover of the building by Copenhagen City Council, private organizations, trade unions and a group of actors

# Uganda allows relief supplies into Sudan

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kampala for talks. Uganda has reopened its border with Sudan to allow relief food supplies to move to millions of people facing starvation as a result of famine caused mainly by the long-drawn-out civil war there.

Uganda closed the border a month ago after rebel Ugandans who had been living in Sudan launched attacks on parts of northern Uganda.

The decision to reopen the border to relief supplies, but not to other traffic, was announced after an eight-man Sudanese mission flew to

Uganda has accused Sudan of supporting the rebels, although Sudan denies this. A joint commission has been set up to deal with border issues, but Uganda remains suspicious and has reinforced troop border positions.

On Uganda's eastern border, Kenya is restricting the movement of Ugandans into this country. More than 100 have been arrested in Nairobi and other centres and charged with being in Kenya illegally.

# Greek shipowners offer aid to earthquake victims

From Mario Modiano, Kalamata

Greek shipowners have offered ships and cash to help the people of this southern Greek port that was destroyed by earthquakes 10 days ago.

One of them, Mr Yiannis Latsis, is sending one of his cruise ships to serve as living quarters for 1,000 homeless people who will be provided with meals and medical care, as well as classrooms aboard for their children.

A wealthy Greek-American contractor, Mr Alexander Spanos, has given the equivalent of £200,000 for Kalamata, and Mr Stavros Niarchos, the shipowner, another £340,000. Ships have been offered by others to bring supplies to the town.

The plight of the homeless, who now live in 6,000 tents provided by the state, has been aggravated by the inadequacy of sanitation in the camps. Several cases of intestinal disease have been reported.

The refugees are complaining about the lack of facilities for personal hygiene as well as of electricity to enable their children to study now that 270 tents are to be set up to serve as classrooms. Each camp has only one or two taps for drinking water, a telephone, and external lighting.

The weather is still warm, but the refugees look apprehensively at the cloudy skies, as teams of state engineers tour the camps to give them advice on flood protection.

State administrative services are now functioning adequately under canvas, but although banks operate out of caravans, few shops have reopened. Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative opposition leader who visited the area on Monday, expressed

doubts that the city's economic life could soon be set in motion. Mr John Boutes, an independent Member of Parliament for the district who is also a European deputy, said that the Government had been efficient in providing first aid but seemed to be underestimating the magnitude of the problems for the survival of Kalamata which, he said, "are just beginning".

He has asked the European Parliament to set in motion procedures to speed the Community's emergency aid for the disaster area, as well as the granting of soft loans to individuals by the European Investment Bank for rehabilitation.

The Government is said to be planning to provide each home-owner interest-free loans of up to £13,000, of which one-third would be a grant.

State engineers are this week visiting the city's 14,000 buildings marked with a red "X", to determine which of them are to share the fate of the 700 or so structures that collapsed or have already been demolished.

Priority is to be given to the surviving 7,000 houses, of which half are in need of minor repairs, to enable their former residents to return.

But work cannot begin until the seismologists, who have warned people to stay out of their homes for 15 days for fear of more tremors, give the "all-clear".

Dr Gerassimos Papadopoulos, a Greek geophysicist, said that he still expected a major earthquake in the area measuring between 7 and 7.3 degrees on the Richter scale.

# Europe's war on terror

## Jail escape Paris wary of lull in bombing

From A Correspondent Rome From Diana Geddes Paris

Two convicted Red Brigade terrorists have escaped from the prison wing of a hospital in the northern Italian city of Novara.

The two men, Calogero Diana, aged 37, and Giuseppe di Cecco, 31, were recovering from the effects of a hunger strike begun in late August in protest against the strict regulations in Novara maximum security prison, where they have been serving lengthy sentences.

According to police, they escaped by sawing through the bars of a skylight leading to the roof of the Ospedale Maggiore.

Diana, who is considered the more dangerous of the two, was serving a life sentence for crimes which included the 1976 killing of Francesco Cusano, a deputy police chief in another northern city, Biella.

Di Cecco was convicted of membership in a Turin branch of the Red Brigade which murdered at least 10 people, wounded 17 and carried out hundreds of lesser crimes. He was to have remained in jail for another 24 years.

According to police reports, after sawing through the bars the two men walked across the roof and then climbed into the hospital's stairwell and then walked downstairs.

But police said first reports indicate that the bars had already been weakened by the two during previous stays in the hospital following earlier hunger strikes.

ATHENS: Greece signed its first bilateral agreement for co-operation against terrorism with Italy yesterday, while denying reports that the Palestine Liberation Organization had asked to transfer some of its services from Tunisia to Greece (Mario Modiano writes).

The agreement commits Italy and Greece to exchange information and to provide mutual help against terrorism, organized crime and drug smuggling.

It was signed by Mr Antonis Drososyannis, the Greek Minister of Public Order, and Signor Oscar Scalfaro, the Italian Interior Minister.

French police remain convinced that the Abdullah family and the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Farl) are behind the recent wave of bombings in Paris, despite protestations of innocence from Lebanon of eight of the nine people most wanted in connection with the attacks.

The police point to the recent lull in the bombings, with six consecutive days without an attack.

They also note that since the reappearance in Lebanon of the four Abdullah brothers and their four friends, the group claiming responsibility for the bombings, the Committee for Solidarity with Middle Eastern and Arab Political Prisoners, has been releasing its communiqués only in Beirut and not, as previously, also in Paris.

The second of two policemen involved in the bomb attack at the Pub Renault on the Champs-Élysées on September 14 died from his injuries yesterday, bringing to nine the number of those killed in the attacks.

The lull and the effective isolation of the suspected chief culprits does not necessarily mean an end to the bombings, police fear. They believe that it may be part of a careful plan, and that the attacks could begin again at any moment.

The independent union which represents about a third of the uniformed police met the Security Minister yesterday to ask the Government for further anti-terror measures, including a routine check on all diplomatic bags from the Middle East; the immediate expulsion of any non-EEC foreigner who cannot show proof of sufficient income and a fixed abode; and reintroduction of the death penalty for terrorists.

The ambassadors of five of the six member states of the European Free Trade Association — Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Austria — met M Didier Barrot, the French junior Foreign Minister, to ask that the new visa requirements for all non-EEC foreigners be waived for their own citizens.

# Fallow fields idea to cut cereal mountains

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

A new British plan to cut the cost of EEC food mountains could take vast areas of land out of production.

The plan, already circulated among European Community agriculture ministries, will be the main item of discussion at an informal meeting of farm ministers in the Lake District next week.

The British Government ideas, set out in a paper entitled "Diverting Land from Cereals", include a payment of £210 a hectare to farmers to leave land fallow, and a smaller subsidy of about £42 a

hectare if land now under grain is put into use for alternative crops.

The Government argues that EEC stocks of grain could rise to 80 million tonnes by 1991 unless drastic measures are taken now to curb cereals production.

The British proposals involve a voluntary "set-aside" policy to remove land from production for a minimum of five years. Britain's estimation is that the scheme could save between £2.8 billion and £3.8 billion during its life.

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# Gandhi gaffes in West Bengal visit widen state party divisions

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Indian commentators were yesterday horrified by the political mess that Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, made of a three-day visit to the communist-run state of West Bengal.

The visit this week was supposed to have deflected criticism of the central Government, reunified the local Congress Party, and put his troops into good heart for next year's elections to the state assembly. It failed on all three counts.

Some of the comment against Mr Gandhi in the Indian press is unfair, since it blames him from time to time for not being political enough in his judgments, and on this occasion blames him for not being above the party fray.

But much of the comment is agitated at his hamfistedness in referring to agitation in the northern part of the state by the Gurkha people.

Perhaps anxious to show that blame for the Gurkha discontent cannot be laid at the central Government's door, Mr Gandhi insisted that the troubles were not anti-national in character, an assertion that cut the ground neatly from under a large proportion of his party in Bengal who have signed a motion vig-

orously condemning the Gurkhas for this fault.

Mr Gandhi further said that the chauvinist attitude of the communist-led coalition in West Bengal was at the root of the campaign for autonomy for Gorkhaland, the area around Darjeeling which is inhabited largely by people of Nepalese stock.

That enabled the communists to point out that it was the central Government which turned down the appeal for Nepal to be made an official language of the country and refused to allow a constitutional amendment allowing the establishment of an autonomous region within the state.

The *Indian Express*, the biggest-selling newspaper in the country, which was recently taken over by an editor thought likely to be more favourable to the Prime Minister, said yesterday: "The impression conveyed by all this... is either that the Prime Minister is unaware of even the basic facts about the (Gurkha) movement or that he is deliberately playing politics to embarrass the left-front government. It could be both."

These statements have

caused confusion, and could conceivably undermine efforts to deal with what one day may emerge as a major threat to the country's integrity.

The visit started on a good note when Mr Gandhi announced a gift of 6.8 billion rupees (£360 million) to the state for investment in development projects. The gift was intended to defuse criticism that the central Government has kept the state starved of funds because it is ruled by opposition parties.

But it was greeted with a good deal of suspicion by the state's Chief Minister, the wily Mr Jyoti Basu, and in the end has been treated simply as an election gimmick.

Mr Gandhi's party in Bengal was badly divided when he arrived and the divisions got worse. One faction, headed by Mr Subrata Mukherjee, was kept very much out of the limelight in favour of his chief rival, Mr Priya Ranjan Das Munshi, president of the state committee.

Mr Mukherjee got his own back by saying that the Prime Minister's statements on Gorkhaland were at variance with the state party's stand, and that he would write to Mr Das Munshi asking him to explain.

# Pakistan women rise against Sharia law

From A Correspondent Karachi

Pakistani women and Islamic fundamentalists are at loggerheads over the proposed implementation of Islamic Sharia laws.

The fundamentalists, who are backed by President Zia, have been pressing for the immediate passage of the Sharia Bill, but women's rights activists believe that the proposed Bill would curtail women's rights drastically and would reduce their position in society to half that of men.

The Women's Action Forum (WAF), a militant women's rights organization which has been arranging protest meetings and mobilizing public opinion, says that the proposed Bills were essentially devised to tear down systematically and completely the existing legislative, judicial and social structure.

Implementation, they believe, would lead to the enactment of even more retrogressive laws. Women's rights leaders fear that enactment of the Bills could lead to repeal of the Muslim family laws ordinance of 1961, which restored some fundamental rights.

Present family laws give women some protection against polygamy and support orphans' inheritance rights.



Students throwing stones at police at Ewha Women's University in Seoul yesterday.

# Salvador's hit squads driven out of business

From Philip Jacobson San Salvador

The right-wing death squads which once terrorized El Salvador and are said to have been responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of people appear to have been driven out of their bloody business.

The number of killings that can be laid at the door of organized murder groups like the Secret Anti-Communist Army has declined markedly in the past 18 months.

The principal credit belongs, most observers believe, to American diplomats stationed in San Salvador in the early 1980s.

From the US Embassy target of more than one armed attack by right-wing extremists, a succession of damning reports reached the policy-makers in Washington. These set out in precise and often gory detail how the squads operated - who paid them, who gave them orders, and who covered up for them.

One name that cropped up frequently in those days was Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, a fanatical anti-Communist with an alarming reputation. "Major Bob", as he was known, was publicly described by one US Ambassador as a psychopathic killer. His denunciations of individuals as "enemies of the state" on TV and in the local press were considered the equivalent of a death sentence.

When the Reagan Administration became convinced that the death squads seriously threatened the objectives of US policy, the next objective was the Salvadorean military.

Step by step, prodded by Washington and encouraged by the civilian Government of President Duarte, the high command set about putting its house in order. But none of the main organizers in the military was ever brought to trial and many remain in uniform today. Overlooking the atrocious past was clearly part of the deal.

For Salvadoreans, the gradual realization that they were no longer at such risk of death was like waking from a particularly harrowing nightmare. It is as if San Salvador had come to life again, tentatively, despite the ever-present shadows of the civil war.

Those who lived through the most terrible period of death-squad activity cannot quite convince themselves that it can never happen again.

As if to jog their memory, Major D'Aubuisson has popped up from obscurity as a hardline right-wing politician to accuse the Spanish rector of the Catholic university here, Father Elacuria, of being sympathetic to the cause of the guerrillas. He has good reason to be worried.

# Fire-bomb protest at Games

Seoul (AFP) - Some 500 South Korean students threw Molotov cocktails and stones at police yesterday in a three-hour demonstration outside a hotel housing foreign journalists here for the Asian Games.

A similar number of riot police contained the students as they chanted slogans against what they claimed was the military dictatorship of President Chun, supported by US imperialism, and South Korea's hosting of the Games.

The demonstration developed into a sit-in, punctuated by sporadic throwing of stones and fire bombs which were put out by the police using the fire extinguishers now a normal part of riot control equipment. The students dispersed late in the afternoon without any arrests.

Student radicals have criticized the enormous cost of organizing the Games and of the next Olympics, which are to be held here in 1988. They say that they are being held at the expense of the well-being and standard of living of South Koreans.

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# Afghanistan in crisis

## Mujahidin take battle to outskirts of Kabul

From Our Correspondent, Delhi

The little Afghan town of Paghman, and the surrounding district on the western outskirts of Kabul, is being badly battered by the continuing war between rebel Mujahidin tribesmen and the armed might of the Soviet Union and the Afghan Army.

Paghman has often been a jumping off ground for Mujahidin attacks on the capital itself, and this summer Mr Abdul Haq, the rebel leader who has made a speciality of making life difficult for the regime inside Kabul, is reported by Western diplomats to have been operating out of the district.

A claim was made on his behalf last week that he and his men had caused the explosions at the Afghan 8th Division headquarters in Karga, close to Paghman, last month.

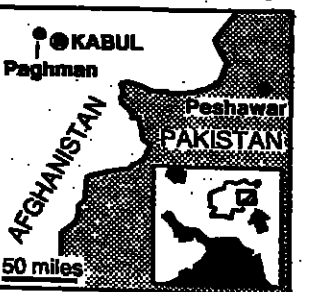
It was suggested by diplomats here yesterday that as many as 300 troops died in the explosions which occurred when the Division's ammunition dump was blown up.

The diplomats reported that the continued pounding of Paghman, which had enjoyed a slight lull, was resumed last week with full ferocity. In recent weeks reports have suggested that a force as large as 13,000 has been deployed in the district, and one source indicated that 4,000 of these were regular Russian combat veterans.

One Afghan, who lives close by, said: "The Russians stay behind with their guns on the plains. The Afghan soldiers go first to die in the mountains."

The toll of government casualties has not been light, and Western diplomats said that 10 or 15 Afghan soldiers are killed in Paghman every day. One diplomat, who visited the 400-bed hospital in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul, which deals with Afghan wounded, said that on two floors of the hospital the pressure on beds was such that patients were being treated in the corridors.

Diplomats have a grandstand view of the Paghman fighting each Friday, when there is a visit to the golf



Salvoes being fired by the self-propelled guns.

Two weeks previously the diplomats, on their Friday outing, had seen a full battalion of the Afghan Army deployed by the lake, with Soviet advisers in attendance.

An Afghan source was quoted yesterday as saying that the guerrillas were able to shoot down a helicopter two weeks ago near Chandal Bai, south of Paghman town. It was reported in a separate incident that rebels had taken prisoner eight Soviet soldiers.

Although the town remains in government control, the countryside has been largely controlled by the guerrillas, and diplomats described unconfirmed reports that many houses in the area have been flattened, not simply by fighting, but in retaliation for villagers' support of the rebels.

They said that the 900 rebel fighters under Mr Haq's command are well armed.

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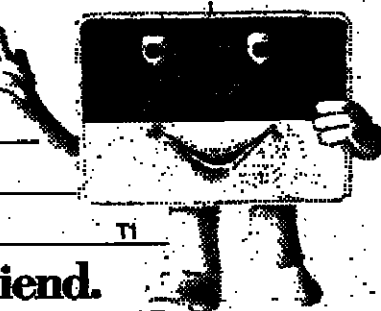
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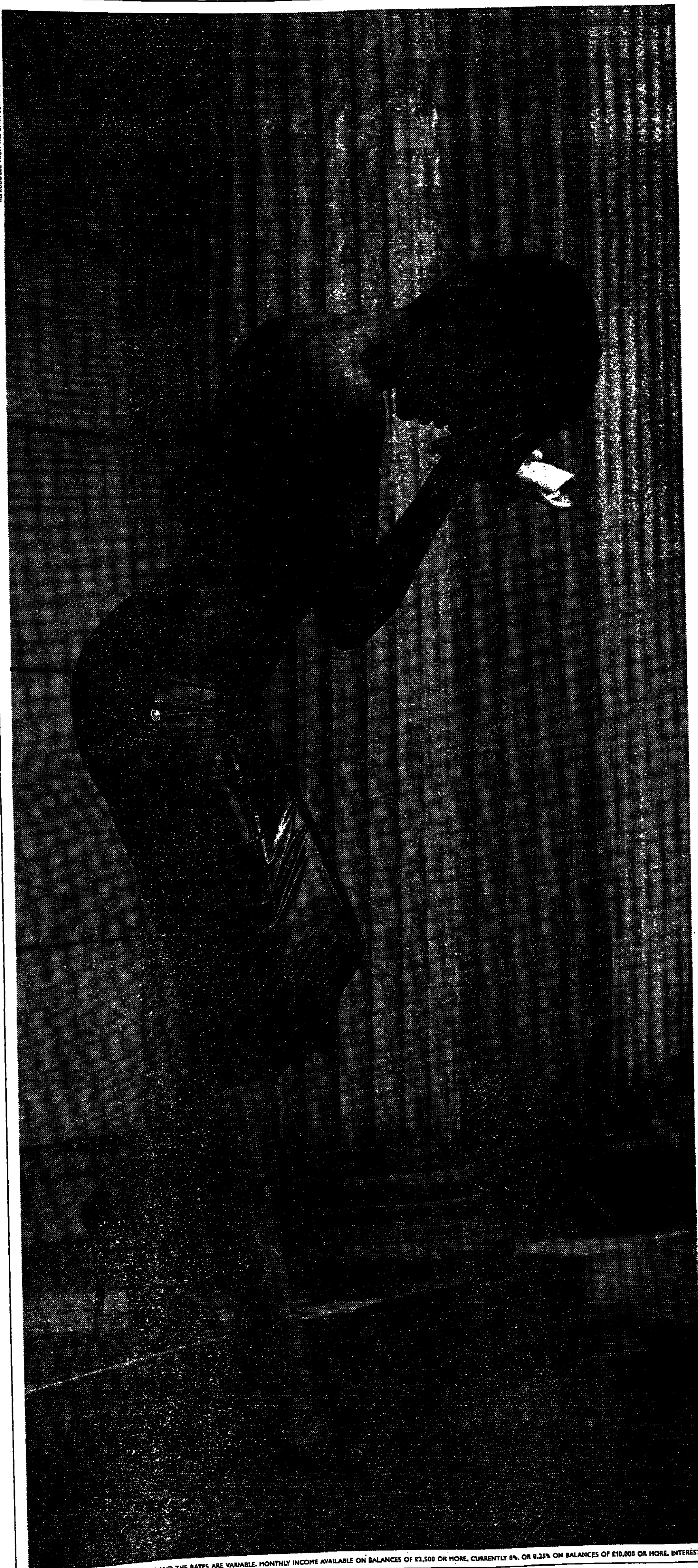
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# Threatened by the mob

**HARD LABOUR** THE POLITICAL DIARY OF ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Part 3: Uncovering the vote fixers

In his fight to beat off a takeover by Militant, Robert Kilroy-Silk, right, soon discovered the extent of their power in his Knowsley North constituency. Top jobs were given as a reward for opposing him and even an innocuous factory trip was called off under threat of violence. And the task of fighting the left reduced at least one MP to tears



## Crying shame

No one who hasn't been through mandatory reselection can fully appreciate just how horrible and distasteful the whole thing is, and how it saps your confidence and motivation. I'm not the only one. Frank Field, the MP for Birkenhead who fought off a sustained challenge from Militant, says that it took two years out of his life. He feels very bitter and angry about the whole thing.

He has a right to feel like that: it was an unnecessary and disgraceful waste of his time and talent that could have been more usefully employed in Parliament on behalf of his constituents and the party. Another MP, this time from the so-called hard left in the north, actually shed tears, real, wet tears, on the shoulders of a colleague in the Tea Room in the House of Commons because of the strain of being opposed, even though he knew he would win.

Norman Atkinson, the MP for Tottenham for the last couple of decades and former treasurer of the Labour Party, who was deselected in favour of Bernie Grant — of all people — says that the reselection process took him out of politics for a year.

Reselection is the dominant and often the sole topic of conversation among my colleagues in the Tea Room, at dinner and in the bars at the House of Commons. And these are colleagues who are unopposed, who will be reselected from a shortlist of one, as I was in my Ormskirk constituency. Nevertheless, they feel that a threat exists: something could happen, things could go wrong. There is always the possibility that they will do or say something — or be forced by events like the miners' strike into a public position — that will put them temporarily at odds with their constituency party and so lose them the nomination. There is a great incentive, as they say, "to keep their heads down."

They have sleepless nights. They are constantly looking over their shoulders, spend more time in their constituencies on party politics and have to devote more time and energy to organizing their supporters when they should be in Parliament. As they have all reiterated dozens of times, we will not be able to run a Labour government in these circumstances, especially if more of my colleagues are confronted with the kind of conflict I have now.

OCTOBER 6, 1985

The *News of the World* ran a story about Derek Hatton today. "The Ritzy Life Of Dandy Derek," says that the "red wrecker" as it calls him, leads a "life of luxury." Apparently he wears Pierre Cardin suits and tailored shirts, has had two foreign holidays in the last year, dines at expensive restaurants, has bought his daughter a pony and has a friendship with an attractive blonde, but none of this is really important. He shouldn't be arranged on the basis of his clothes and his daughter's riding lessons. What is important is their allegation that, apart from receiving £10,000 in expenses from Liverpool City Council, he also receives £11,000 a year from Knowsley Council for "just 17½ hours a week" and that he has two "minders". They also claim that the council's Ford Granada made two round trips from Liverpool to the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth so that he could attend a Variety Club party in Liverpool.

time of our meeting tomorrow and to make sure of the arrangements for the TV crew. I could tell there was a problem the moment he answered the phone.

"Have I caused you problems?" I asked Harry.

"I'm afraid you have, Robert," he answered apologetically. We got on well together.

"Do you want me to call it off?" I asked.

"Well..."

"We'll call it off," I said, firmly. He seemed relieved. "I think it best," he said. "It's not me. You know that, don't you? It's not the company."

One of the shop stewards had suggested that as the film is about my reselection, and as I'm being opposed by the Militants, they would have "the Liverpool heavy mob at the gates." That scared them. They panicked. They tried to get the company to call it off. The management refused. The stewards were told that if they wanted to cancel the visit they must tell me themselves, but I did it for them.

WHEN A MAN HAS ENEMIES



Uncouth, nasty, loud-mouthed — and active

Kilroy-Silk on Joe Lawler, of Derek Hatton's "army"



McGinley touted jobs in return for support

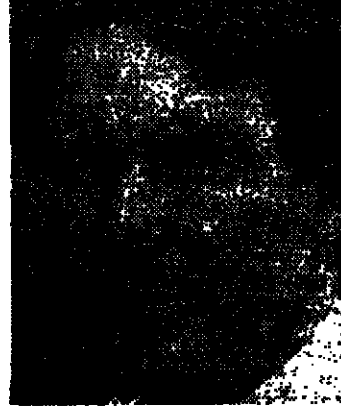
Kilroy-Silk on Jim McGinley, his constituency chairman

HE NEEDS FRIENDS



Killeen found a web of union intrigue

Kilroy-Silk on Peter Killeen, who uncovered irregularities



Magnificent piece of detective work

Kilroy-Silk on his investigator and former agent, Peter Fisher

OCTOBER 7

I don't believe it. Joe Roby and the shop stewards at the BICC factory in Prescot are so afraid that the Militants will cause trouble at the site that they've decided not to be filmed with me by Michael Cockerell's BBC team after all. I rang Joe, the convenor, from Manchester Airport to finalize the

OCTOBER 8

Peter Fisher, my former agent, has done a magnificent job of detective work on the delegates to my management committee. When I arrived at his bungalow this morning he had long lists and diagrams spread across the dining room table with different coloured lines to indicate what stage of his vetting process each of the suspect delegates is at. He had some good news. He has

managed to identify all the Transport and General Workers' Union branches. There were some strange ones. Apparently the one designated 5/518 wasn't a typing error, after all. The "5" represents the West Midlands region. Peter doesn't yet know where the branch is.

"This has been organized," he said. "Someone in the union has helped them. You can see it by the composite branches. They're the branches that have been merged

together to give them bigger membership and more delegates. And they're from the unemployed centres. They're nearly all Militants."

There is also the question of Phil McSorley, a long-standing member of the TGWU, now retired, who used to be on the union's national executive. He has been insisting to Peter and me for months that he is still a delegate to the constituency Party and has complained of not receiving notices of meetings. I have always thought that, as he didn't appear on any recent list, he was mistaken.

"Oh no," said Peter Killeen, assistant regional organizer of the Labour Party in the north-west. "He has been a delegate all along. I've seen a copy of the letter in the correspondence book of the branch that nominated him as a delegate." He was getting it copied before it was "lost."

"They're more than capable of ripping out the page if they find out that we know about it," he went on. "They kept Phil off the management committee because they know that he'd support you."

There was more. The chairman of the constituency, Jim McGinley, an open supporter of — and newspaper seller for — Militant, has apparently been offering membership of the TGWU and a place on my management committee in return for a promise to support Tony Mulhearn's bid for the candidacy.

OCTOBER 11

Great news. One of Peter's investigations has borne fruit. Joe Lawler, a Militant and a member of Hatton's private army (as the Liverpool static security service is known locally), a vice-chairman of the constituency party and the membership secretary, is not a delegate. It's fantastic news: he's one of the most uncouth, loud-mouthed, nasty and active of all.

There are now 141 delegates entitled to vote: I need a minimum of 71 votes and have 66. But Lawler's demise is a morale boost. It shows how bad things are, the tricks they have been up to.



OCTOBER 14

We're in trouble. According to my well-placed source in the TGWU, active efforts are being made within the union to deliver my seat to the Militants. My expectation that the TGWU regional bureaucracy would be agnostic at what is happening in my constituency and act swiftly to sort it out has been destroyed.

But there's worse. I've found out that the man in the TGWU with whom Peter Killeen is liaising to investigate the credentials of the union's delegates is actually organizing the conspiracy.

OCTOBER 15-17

I wrote to Neil to say I was resigning as Shadow Home Office Minister. It means that I will be out of serious politics at a senior level for the rest of this Parliament. It also means that I will not be a minister when the next Labour government is formed, as I could reasonably have expected to be. There are several reasons why I feel that I have to resign. The most important is the battle for reselection, which is taking a lot of my time. I never seem to be off the telephone. It is also distracting and debilitating.

I have to admit the joy has gone. Politics has been spoilt, I hope only temporarily. The real battle is to ensure that it doesn't sour me, that I don't become an embittered, cynical and sad old man.

OCTOBER 18-19

Now I know what the charges against me are. All the organizing, conspiring, fixing, manoeuvring, intimidation, trickery and hate is because I don't live in the constituency. That's what Michael Cockerell said, anyway. That was the complaint the Militants put to him when he interviewed them for the BBC's *This Week Next Week* programme.

They really must be scraping the bottom of the barrel if that's the best they can do. No, I don't live in the constituency, nor have I for

the last dozen years, though we did have a flat in Ormskirk. I've made no secret of the fact. Indeed, I told my party when I was first selected that I were I elected I would move house and live near the place I was expected to work five days a week, and that is what I did. My family comes first — before politics — and I did not intend to become an absentee father.

There was also a secondary complaint against me, that I hadn't done enough about unemployment. I haven't brought work to the area. Now how do you answer that? If I have failed then so has every other Liverpool MP, including the Militants' beloved Terry Fields in Broadgreen.

In fact, the Militants and their ilk are the biggest deterrents to job creation on Merseyside. Dozens of times in the last few years I have tried fruitlessly to persuade companies to locate on Merseyside or in Knowsley. Each time the decision went against us because of their perception of our militancy, although we aren't as militant or strike-prone as they thought.

Why, I wondered, didn't the Militants tell the truth? The real issue is ideological. They're believers in the politics of the street and of the mob, whereas I believe in old-fashioned things like the rule of law and parliamentary democracy. I won't endorse irresponsible foolishness like the strike of schoolchildren they organized in Kirby, which led to young boys being put into police cells and charged with breaches of the peace while the Militants went scot-free.

OCTOBER 22

This month's routine meeting of my constituency management committee was as nasty and ill-tempered as most of the others have been for the last two years. It was the Militants' first opportunity to display their anger at Neil's demolition of them at Conference.

In addition to the habitual shouting, heckling and barracking of opponents, the Militant-led majority criticized the Labour Party at every opportunity, attacked Neil on every pretext and abused me as a matter of course. A delegate from one Militant-dominated union branch moved a resolution that condemned Neil Kinnoch for his "unprovoked and unjustified" attack on the workforce and the people of Merseyside.

Afterwards, a large group of members of the "real" Labour Party insisted upon seeing me. They're angry and upset. "There's no point in coming here," they said. "We'll have our own meetings."

"You can't," I insisted desperately. "That's called leaving the Labour Party."

"That lot aren't the Labour Party," they shouted almost as one. "They're nothing at all to do with Socialism. We're the Labour Party."

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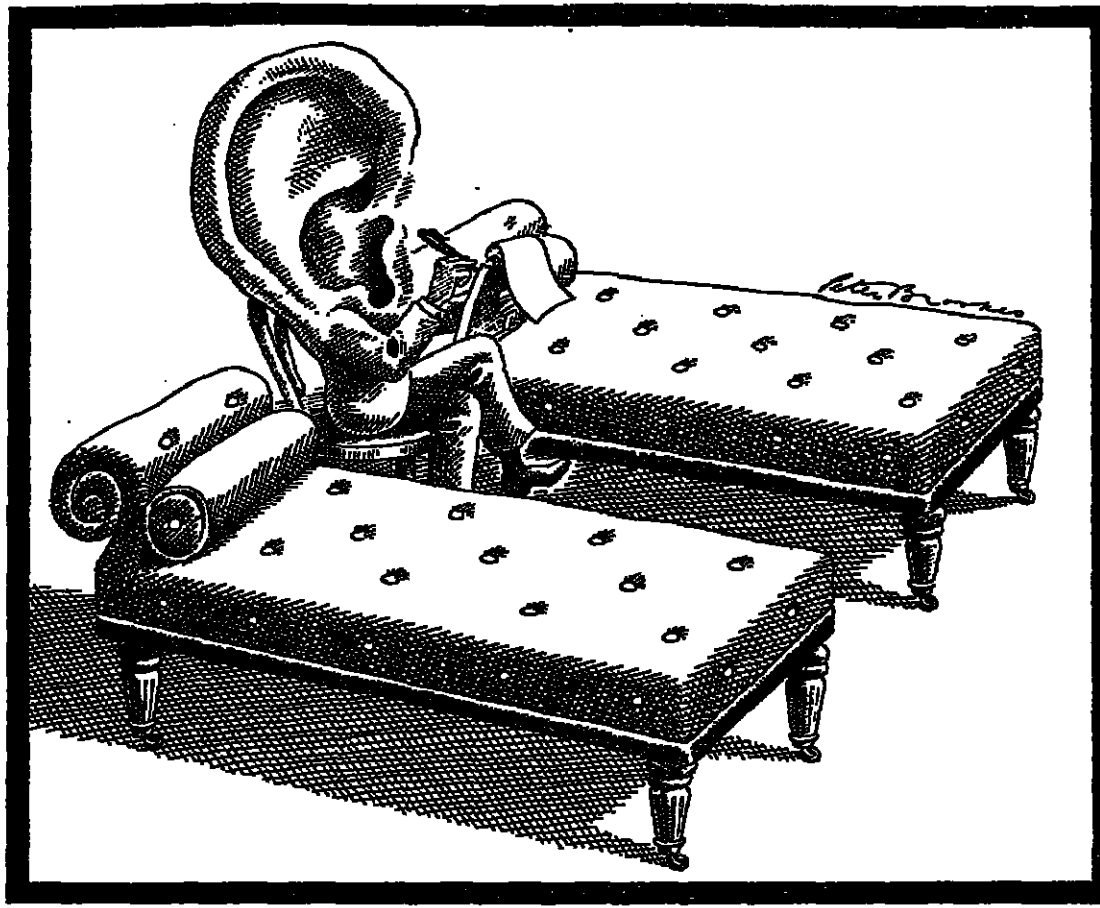
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Marriage counsellors offer no easy solutions for troubled relationships, reports Lindsay Knight in part two of her series

Making up is hard to do

The misconceptions about marriage guidance counselling are legion: partly because people have no idea what will happen when they walk through a counsellor's door, and partly because they have even less of an idea of what might be achieved. A frequent assumption is that you will be counselled to save your marriage at all costs. But marriage guidance counsellor Frances Campbell says: "I don't see it as any part of my job to save anybody's marriage. I think that would be an impertinence on my part. I'm not here to give tips to people on how to be happily married. If anybody's got some, I'd like to hear them."

Alison is a good example. Married to James, a carpenter, for 15 years, she gained an Open University degree and was pursuing a second degree at the local university. After years of clerical jobs and bringing up their three children, she was reveling in her newfound academic abilities. "Then, quite out of the blue, I discovered that he was having an affair with one of my closest friends," she says. "I was devastated, it felt as if my whole world was falling in. He didn't want to talk to me about it. Suddenly he seemed like a stranger."



own business, which meant I only saw him late at night. The social worker suggested we try marriage guidance. Three years later, our marriage is much better and I am no longer depressed. We still have many of the same problems, but we talk about them now and cope better. Gillian and her husband went to a counsellor after months of rows and miserable silences. "It wasn't what I expected," she says. "I thought somebody would leap in and rescue me, sort out all my problems and say 'Look, this is your trouble. If you do this it will sort it out.'"

call. At this point, counselling may be considered - but very much as a last resort. "Perhaps we might have been able to work something out if we had been helped earlier," one woman says. "But I couldn't bear to hear my husband complaining about me, saying how wonderful and sexy his mistress was. However skilled the counsellor, there seemed no point in bothering by then, so we separated in anger and despair."

more pain, as feelings and situations are explored and hard lessons learned. "Counselling is about confronting issues," Renata Olin, London Director of the Marriage Guidance Council, says. "We are not a comforting shoulder to cry on. Of course a counsellor may offer reassurance and comfort at times, but it is not enough to do only that. We try to help people be more aware of the psychodynamics in their life and their relationships."

Measuring the naked truth

There is a certain class of woman in the United States, Trollope observed on his visit to New York in 1861, whose manners are more odious than those of any other human beings anywhere else in the world. Their theory, he intimated, was that women's rights were more important than modesty. The inventor of the Barbie doll would agree. "In my opinion people make too much of breasts. They are just a part of the body," said 69-year-old Ruth Handler, who designed the curvaceous mannequin 27 years ago and who has seen 300 millions of the busty little creatures sold since.

Seven feminists on trial in New York for baring their breasts in public have called a Barbie doll in their defence much more serious case will come before the Supreme Court next month over the Calfed Bank's stand that the requirement for four months maternity leave discriminates against men. The case has caused a major split in the American women's movement, with younger feminists supporting the bank's position and most established groups opposing it. It is, Ms Freidan says, a classic issue of second stage feminism. "The women's movement has rather lost its way. The first generation got burned out and the younger ones just take all the advances for granted. We are in a state of paralysis and transi-



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A group of eminent ecologists from nine countries is now touring the peat moors and bogs of Calthness and Sutherland, which are said to be unique in Europe and are at the centre of a furious dispute between environmentalists and forestry interests.

BARRY FANTONI



'Frankly I don't know anyone who'd be seen dead in Lston'

Exit centre

The final curtain may have fallen on the Liberals' satirical revues, widely held to be even more amusing than the party's real-life performances.

Chic to chic

Eastbourne, always cited as Britain's ultimate geriatric resort, was marginally rejuvenated on Monday night with a 60s Disco - that figure referring to the decade rather than the time of life.

New beat

South African Zulu leader Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has attempted to secure the services of the editor of the Metropolitan policeman's paper, The Job, Buthelezi wanted Tim Muil, who last month was dropped as The Job's editor, for his press secretary, Muil, who formerly lived in South Africa, was keen and admits that the image of Buthelezi - often depicted as Botha's black stooge - indeed seems massaging.

P.H.S.

What is this animal that we see sporting itself on the sands at Eastbourne? Would Palmerston and Lord John Russell recognize it? Or Gladstone, Campbell-Bannerman, Asquith or Lloyd George?

Yes, I think they would. Indeed, they would spy several reincarnations of their colleagues, especially the tiresome ones. Some Liberals are eternally with us the ones who always seem to have lately eaten a bad oyster and those "aunts who are not married" but who "demand to be divorced".

They would recognize several of their tortments, only in modern dress. The Little Englanders dispute with the imperialists over nuclear weapons. The economical try to curb the big spenders. Ireland is still racketing about while Scotland waits irritably in the wings, hoping, forlornly, to get on stage.

In spite of all the talk of breaking the mould, the trappings of the party persist. But what of the substance? What of the contents of its programme? What would John Stuart Mill, or Lord Acton, Dicey, Marshall, Keynes or Beveridge think of that? The great Liberal political economists and lawyers, indeed, the political leaders of classical Liberalism might be in some doubt as to how the Liberal Party proposes to translate its legacy into action. But that doubt would arise principally from their disappointment, indeed bewilderment, with the state of Britain and the world.

The great world may be spinning down the ringing grooves of change, but it is constantly being derailed by war, violence and tyranny. Liberty is derided. The rule of law is flouted. In spite of increasing opportunities, we run our economies worse than ever. Instead of withering away as we grow richer, the state grows ever more powerful.

The great classical Liberals would, I think, be disappointed most of all in the failure of education. The intellectual fathers of the party would understand its difficulty in keeping the head of Liberalism above the rising waves of illiberalism, as exemplified by the bureaucratic attitudes, the destruction of values and the materialism which we see all around us.

Should the Liberal Party or the Alliance answer such criticism by setting about opening, not a new chapter of classical Liberalism, but a new political book? Should it accept that this is the age of bureaucracy and that today the political task is to create the system best suited to bureaucracy? People seem not only unable to run their own lives but to be averse to trying to do so even if they were given the means.

Leaders of the party are primarily interested in climbing the career structure ladder (with at the top, the help of the old boy net); they do not seem unduly disturbed that wealth accumulates while not only men but many of our institutions decay. It can be argued that the presuppositions of parliamentary democracy are being eroded here, as they have been eroded over most of the world.

Perhaps then it is to the ombudsman, rather than to Parliament, that we must look to restrain the government. Whatever it may say from time to time, the Liberal Party has encouraged some of these bureaucratic advances. When it has suggested that a subsidy be given to an ailing industry or even to a plausible "buccancer" like De Lorean, it has not always been in the van of the opposition.

Should the party then declare that political Liberalism today is not about individual Liberalism, not about asserting that values are indissolubly connected with individual liberty, and should it accept that the argument between freedom and equality is a dead issue? Should it proclaim that its job today is to accept corporatism and make it work better? That would indeed break the mould.

I do not however see anything so drastic on the agenda at Eastbourne. Nor would I want it. But if another party is to be found for the Liberal Party it must be more than a compromise on defence and a demand for more public expenditure. So far the message from Eastbourne as picked up by the press seems dangerously concentrated on those themes.

A conference may not be the best place to outline a party's general attitude. But Liberals cannot choose how to get publicity. They get a generous helping of it at the conference and should grasp its opportunity. We do not need new essays on liberty, new definitions of Liberalism. We need to show the public how a more Liberal country can be achieved and how Liberalism should be translated into action in education, industry and government.

There are some aspects of British Liberalism which are fundamental to it but seldom stressed. Gladstonian Liberals revered our institutions such as the state, the universities and the law, rather than seeing them as mere conveniences. They respected their history, and believed that each had their own contribution to make to the general welfare.

They did not regard them as the same as any other business, to be judged by their material success. Above all, they believed that they should not be used for jobs far removed from their true purpose. Such Liberals would have been disturbed by the way the state is being burdened with tasks which waste its strength and undermine the support which it should draw from responsible individuals.

Jo Grimond looks at the state of the party now in the light of its days of glory

Reasserting Liberals' true values



Beveridge: in favour of wealth rather than welfare



Gladstone: his fervour and breadth of vision still needed

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If in addition, it can inject into politics something of Gladstone's fervour, humanity and breadth of vision, so much the better. But it might also heed the advice of another great Liberal, Lord Melbourne. While I believe that it matters very much what the leaders of the Alliance say, it is of supreme importance that they should all sing the same song.

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suggested that the main line of demarcation between Socialists (and therefore Social Democrats) and Liberals lies in the relative importance each attaches to equality and freedom. I believe it would be truer to say that the line lies along the divide between personal and state responsibility for social services. Socialists see a more permanent role for the state than do Liberals.

But if I am right there are many Liberals in the SDP and many Social Democrats in the Liberal Party. The classical Liberals would have welcomed the SDP's proposals to link welfare and tax as a step towards enabling people to pay for their own services and to pay for their own services and to pay for their own services and to pay for their own services.

Divisions over defence are nothing new in Liberal history. Only when there has been a clear threat to the country have Liberals approved large expenditure on arms. But it was Liberals such as Cardwell and Haldane who carried through great army reforms. Today there is a clear threat from Communism. For the West ultimately to abandon nuclear weapons would increase the danger of war. For Britain alone to abandon them would be to retreat from those doctrines of international collaboration and collective security which have been a main element in Liberalism.

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Martin Gilbert

Churchill: victim, not villain

In a glowing leader on February 13, 1945, The Times gave Churchill chief credit for what, it described as the "remarkable harmony of policy" attained with Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta.

Forty years later the word Yalta, like Munich, has begun to pass into the language as a symbol of betrayal. Poland, like Czechoslovakia, is portrayed as the victim of British duplicity, and Churchill, who so powerfully denounced Chamberlain as the villain of Munich, is himself being turned into the villain of Yalta.

Two principal decisions concerning Poland were signed by Britain, the US and Russia at Yalta. Poland was to lose its eastern territories to the USSR in return for a substantial slice of territory to be taken from Germany, and a Polish government was to come into being, based on free elections in which all the non-fascist parties could take part. These included the parties which made up the Polish government-in-exile (in London since 1940), the so-called "London Poles".

These elections never took place, leading some to assume the creation of a Communist-dominated government was an integral part of the Yalta design, for which Churchill must bear substantial blame.

From the outset of the political discussions on Poland, which began early in 1942, there seemed to Churchill to be only one way to establish a multi-party system after the war. The London Poles would first have to agree to the territorial cession of eastern Poland to Russia, including the two cities of Vilna (which Russia had ruled before 1914) and Lvov (a part of Austria-Hungary before the First World War). In return, in addition to the territory ceded by Germany, Poland would receive Soviet acceptance of free elections.

For two years Churchill pressed the London Poles to agree, arguing that if they refused to make this territorial sacrifice they would lose all hope of political power, or even influence. When, late in 1944, they agreed, Churchill reported from Moscow that Stalin seemed receptive to free elections. By then, however, Stalin's own nominees, the Communist Poles of the "Lublin Committee", were already poised to enter Warsaw with the Red Army.

At Yalta a month later, Stalin agreed with unexpected alacrity to the London Poles and other non-Communist parties taking part in elections, and offered "effective guarantees" that they were "freely and fairly carried out". He promised, further, that the British and US ambassadors could act as observers. In his final statement, Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill pledged to reorganize the existing Communist-based government in Poland "on a broader democratic basis with the inclusion of democratic leaders from Poland itself and from the Poles abroad".

Did Churchill believe that Stalin would allow this pledge to be carried out? All the evidence suggests that he did. He told the War Cabinet on his return to London that he felt sure the Russians would honour the declarations. Addressing the Commons, he said: "I feel that their word is their bond. I know of no government which stands to its obligations, even in its own despite, more solidly than the Russian Soviet government." And in a telegram to Peter Fraser, the New Zealand prime minister, he said that in spite of his anti-Communist convictions, he believed that Stalin wanted to work in harmony with the western democracies.

But to his inner circle, Churchill expressed fears that Russia might one day turn against the West and that it might be said that Chamberlain had trusted Hitler as he was now trusting Stalin.

Two months later, in a gross betrayal of the Yalta pledge, the Red Army arrested 15 Polish political leaders while they were on their way to pre-election negotiations under promise of safe conduct. "Surely we must not be manoeuvred", Churchill asked Roosevelt (in one of the last telegrams which he sent him) "into becoming parties to imposing on Poland, and on how much more Russian version of democracy?"

Between February and May 1945, Britain and the US did all they could to keep their pledge to Poland. Churchill sent several strong protests to Stalin (in which Truman joined with even greater alacrity than Roosevelt had done). He brought British relations with Moscow almost to breaking point but, as he told the London Poles: "You cannot expect Britain to make perpetual war on the Soviet Union".

Far from being an evil pact or sinister conspiracy of victorious powers, the Yalta agreement soon became the first serious breach in their ability to work together. The suspicions aroused at Moscow's good faith as a signatory remain with us today, reinforced by its attitude to the 1975 Helsinki agreement on human rights. Those same suspicions will doubtless dog Mrs Thatcher when she visits Moscow next spring, 42 years after the Yalta accords. But she will surely argue, as Churchill still argued a year after Stalin's betrayal of Yalta, that "The supreme hope and prime endeavour is to reach a good and faithful understanding with the Soviet Union".

Martin Gilbert's Road to Victory: Winston S. Churchill 1941-45, is published tomorrow by Heinemann (£20).

After Uruguay, Bailey Morris on the tough negotiations ahead

Washington. The shaky launch of the "Uruguay round" of Gatt - the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade - is, in itself, an historic achievement that will be duly noted in books as a blow to the dark forces of protectionism. That is true no matter what happens as a result of the negotiations, which could last a decade. Despite fierce national differences, "no nation wanted to be seen as the one which sank the whole round," said Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary.

This was not a North-South round, pitting rich nations against the poor. It was a negotiation of new alliances, reflecting the changing pattern of commercial flows and the dominance of the economic superpowers, the US and Japan. The developing world lined up with them to form coalitions which won on the important issues. India, Brazil, Australia, Singapore and Colombia in particular played important roles.

In the process, Europe was left behind. This impression was reinforced many times during the week. The EEC was preoccupied almost exclusively with preventing an assault on its Common Agriculture Policy while other nations focused on high technology, telecommunications and other services which now account for 20 per cent of world trade.

During the trough of the negotiations, EEC officials spent 10 hours arguing over 10 words in the agricultural text with US and Australian officials who led a coalition determined to fight subsidies. Indeed, Europe arrived at the talks without a common position on agriculture, largely because of French insistence that the wording of the working text be changed. The German delegation, led by the Economics Minister, Martin Bangemann, almost departed. But it was Bangemann who finally cut a deal.

At the end, French and other EEC officials declared themselves winners for achieving a form of words almost identical to the original, which called for the phased reduction of the agricultural subsidies of all nations.

But this was not the general impression. A minister of one developing country said he was "struck by the total absence of imagination" in the European proposals. Even though the US is an equal transgressor on subsidies, Europe's high profile in defending the CAP is what stood out.

The only new issue that Europe put on the table was the balance of benefits, or "Bob", clause. This was designed to correct the enormous imbalances in global trade by denying the benefits of the new round to nations which erect barriers to imports. From the outset, it was known as the "Japan Clause". In this also, Europe was defeated.



Will the Gatt pact hold?

tically, Japan stepped forward, asserting its place as an economic power to defeat the "Bob" amendment. Officials said it marked the beginning of a new era for Japan in international negotiations. The normal Japanese negotiating tack is to assume as low a profile as possible in an attempt to put the spotlight elsewhere. But this time Japan used all the obvious public relations techniques normally associated with the US to attack the proposal for its "racial connotations".

Before hundreds of journalists, a Japanese minister actually used the term "Jap-bashing" in singling out Europe as the instigator of a plot to create dissension among nations. As if rehearsed, the US used the same language in opposing the amendment "for singling out a specific nation". The Japanese techniques worked and Europe was left with a black eye.

This occurred despite the fact that many nations believe that eventually the enormous imbalances which threaten the global economy, the Japanese surpluses and the US deficits, must be addressed in a global context. There is a growing belief that Japan must bear more of the burden as a world power.

What emerged at Punta del Este was a strong policy tie between the two economic superpowers. America's Pacific trade is now greater than that across the Atlantic, and the trend is likely to continue. There are almost no high technology joint ventures between the US and Europe, and while this situation persists, said Michael Aho of the Council of Foreign Relations, the EEC will fall further behind.

But the recognition of this is only slowly beginning to sink in. A high-level British official was the only one from Europe who acknowledged that the bilateral relationship of the US and Japan, marked by the growing cartelization of entire industrial sectors such as semi-conductors, could be a threat to the rest of the world, and in the long term damage America's international standing and thereby its own interests.

In the short term, however, US ties with the developing world appear to be growing stronger. The US emerged from Punta del Este with the key points it demanded going into the talks. Agriculture, investment, intellectual property rights, the rule-making procedures of Gatt, and services will all be subjects of simultaneous negotia-

tions under the umbrella of a single trade negotiating committee to be selected by the Gatt member nations.

"It was a success for us because we came down here knowing exactly what we wanted," said Malcolm Baldrige. "Our opponents knew that they did not want. Any time you have this situation in a negotiation, you have an advantage."

This allowed the US to build coalitions around the issues. Similar coalitions will be essential to the success of the new round over the next few years when political wills will wax and wane. In no area was this more evident than the controversial issue of services. Developing countries, led by India and Brazil, were strongly opposed to the inclusion of services in the new round. They are fearful of the lead which the advanced nations have in this field and objected to negotiations under the auspices of Gatt, which they regard as a rich man's club. The Indian finance minister, Vishwanath Singh, spoke of the "long struggle against colonial rule" in fighting the proposal. But finally, after Europe and the US made face-saving concessions that allowed a two-track negotiation that was not formally under Gatt, the developing countries reluctantly came in.

"Services became the focus of structuring the new round," said Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative. Now, in the ambitious task of trying to complete the round in four years' time, a goal which no one thinks can be reached, the good faith of these nations will be tested severely.

moreover... Miles Kingston A bad attack of hypocalcedonia

In France two months ago I saw a poem in a pharmacist's window which pleased me so much that there and then I copied down the first stanza. Here it is, exactly as it was laid out.

En train en voiture en avion en bateau certaines personnes sont prises de malaises: sensation de vertige, état nauséux, sueurs abondants, accélération de rythme cardiaque, frissons, ces symptômes sont en général accompagnés de troubles digestifs, avec vomissements. C'est LE MAL DES TRANSPORTS.

(In English, roughly as follows. "When travelling by train or car, boat or plane, some of you are bound to be overcome by extreme giddiness, waves of nausea, excessive sweating, abnormally fast heart-beat and shivering. These symptoms will usually be accompanied by bowel trouble and vomiting. What you are suffering from is TRAVEL SICKNESS.")

The reason I copied this down is not that it seemed so much more elegant in French, but that it neatly pinpointed one of the differences between the French and the English. The French, on the whole, are hypochondriacs and we are not. I was once told by a French pharmacist that he could make a good living out of the Frenchman's preoccupation with his liver alone.

The French newspapers this summer were full of pages called "Your Holiday Diseases and How to Deal with Them". In almost any French market you will see an earnest salesman pointing at a plastic model of the human body, full of writhing intestines and detachable offal, marketing little boxes of pills without which your body will fall to pieces just like the model. In almost any French magazine you will see pictures and profiles of French doctors who have made a million through their herbal methods.

Put it another way. When faced with the above verse about travel sickness (which was only the opening of a long poem about a sickness cure), the average French person would be filled with a delicious sense of fear. The average English person would laugh

out loud. We are unfeared about disease to the point of foolishness. The English attitude to illness is to ignore all medical advice and mistreat our bodies until one day we crack up; then we turn to the NHS to repair the damage and we get very cross if it can't.

Now the reason I did English and not British is that in Edinburgh last month I was reminded just what a strong tradition of hypochondria the Scots share with the French. Or to put it another way, what a huge number of health food shops they have in Scotland, and I don't just mean the modern fresh-painted boutiques with names like Wild Oats, Harvest Friends and the ubiquitous Food for Thought; I mean ancient shops which have been there ever since the Scots started having the worst diet in the world with little trays of forgotten dried herbs in the window, faded photographs of medicines no longer manufactured and signs saying "Mary Queen of Scots bought her laxatives here". Hypochondria is historic in Scotland.

But last month I did spot what I think may be a new trend. I saw an empty bottle of Lucozade lying in an Edinburgh gutter. Does this mean what I think it means? Health food wine? Lucozade? Yes, secret health drinkers who start out with Lucozade before moving on to the hard stuff, such as undiluted Ribena! Milk of magnesia straight from the bottle!

There again, you have an interesting distinction between countries. Scottish drinking habits, even under their new enlightened laws, tend to end up in the gutter more than French ones do. The French go at it slower, more steadily. They would, for instance, be the sort of people who would classify alcoholic drinks according to the effect they had on your bowels, that is, put medical instructions on a bottle of booze.

Far-fetched? But that's exactly what they do already: is not everything in France in a colourfully labelled bottle divided between being an aperitif or a digestif? And was I not once refused a drink in a French bar because the barman considered I would be drinking it at the wrong end of the meal? My case rests. (This article is one of a series aimed at emphasizing national differences, instead of the modern wishy-wash tendency to play them down.)



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## TAXING OUR PATIENCE

There is now a degree of consensus about the proper direction of tax reform which is relatively new. To be sure there are important differences of detail between different parties and different countries, and in Britain the Labour Party has absorbed little of the new consensus. But the intellectual approach stretching from parties of the political right to parties on the left of centre and from the Old World to the New is all of a piece.

Mr John Kay's swansong lecture to members of the Institute for Fiscal Studies before he retires as the Institute's director is a good example. The Institute, to the extent that it can be placed in the political spectrum, is emphatically not in the Thatcherite camp. Yet within a package which is purposely designed to cost little more than the proposals in the Government's green paper on transferable allowances, Mr Kay proposes to cut the basic rate of income tax below the Government's own target of 25p in the pound to only 22½p and to bring down the top rate from 60p to 40p for good measure.

Like the Government Mr Kay also wants to raise personal tax allowances (though not in the same way) and to extend the range of goods and services to which value added tax is applied. In these senses he is more Thatcherite than the Thatcherites. And in local taxation he again builds on Government proposals by nationalising the business rate and charging it on capital values and by substituting a local income tax (included in the 22½p average basic rate) for the exchequer grant.

Of course, there are also important differences. But the

guiding principles are much the same. Consumers, not governments, are the best judges of how their income should be spent and politicians should not try to influence their decisions by taxing some items more highly than others. Income tax is too high. And local government's accountability is too low.

Given this broad consensus, why has there not been more progress under a Government — or any rate Chancellor — with tax reforming aspirations? For Mr Kay it is all the fault of the Inland Revenue. The Revenue is staffed by tax inspectors and tax inspectors do not think strategically like economists. Transfer the function to the Treasury (whose own tiny tax policy division has just been disbanded as a separate entity) and Ministers could luxuriate in fiscal theory and the Grand Design.

There is something in this. No doubt the Revenue would benefit from a little more outside blood. No doubt, too, organisations such as the Revenue can always improve their administrative efficiency. One notices, for instance, that although the Department of Health and Social Security has gone to some trouble to devise efficiency measures for its local social security offices, there are no similar measures recorded in the Public Expenditure White Paper for the Revenue. But it is surely going too far to blame fiscal conservatism all on the Revenue. Grand designs have not been lacking in the Government's discussions of economic policy. The problem has been the perceived political obstacles.

The history of tax reform in the present Parliament should

act as a spur to the Conservatives as they ponder in their 11 strategy groups the policies they want to put before the electorate for a third term. So will the conference-time bids by other political parties for the mantle of tax reformer. The reforms achieved by the Government are not inconsiderable and certainly greater than they are widely given credit for. The reform of corporate taxation, for instance, which has brought the rate of corporation tax down to the lowest in the industrialised world by ending the favourable treatment of those companies which happen to be able to make use of investment allowances, has been fully as thorough as anything planned by the Americans.

But some other tax initiatives have at an early stage run up against pledges given in the heat of electoral battle which have made virtually impossible the kind of thoroughgoing reform of personal taxation proposed in the US. After a flying start in 1984 the further extension of the VAT base appeared to founder on election-time pledges not to tax food — though food is taxed to some degree or other in practically all other European countries, and richer households spend considerably more on food.

It will be the task of the Tories' election strategists to think through their policies completely and ensure that the Party rhetoric is fully consistent with them. The present policies are broadly speaking the right ones, and the US experience and the British Budgets of 1984 and 1986 suggest that tax reform can even be popular.

## TRADING IDEAS

Last week in Harrogate, the Social Democrats demonstrated consideration towards their leader by rejecting a motion which would have tied him to making proportional representation a sticking point in any negotiations for a coalition in a hung parliament. Yesterday at Eastbourne the Liberals were not so trusting of Mr Steel. In passing a motion to reform the working practices of parliament and Whitehall, and to secure the maximum possible implementation of Alliance policies, the Liberal Assembly also declared that it did not want negotiations carried out by the party leader alone.

The motion would oblige Mr Steel to conduct negotiations through a negotiating team which would include representatives elected by the parliamentary party (to which they would have to report back for approval during the negotiations) and to consult the party in the country through its national officers.

Proportional representation was not mentioned, but everyone in the hall knew that proportional representation was what it was all about. Indeed in case there should be any doubt about this, Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip declared that the Liberals would not drop electoral reform in bartering for seats in the Cabinet. "PR is itself a prerequisite for stable

government. Anything else would be a gross betrayal," he proclaimed.

The motion tried to embrace Dr Owen in this commitment by referring to the "two leaders" and "representatives elected by the two parliamentary parties". But since the SDP leader is not binding by the Liberal Assembly, what the motion would mean, if it were acted on, is that Dr Owen would go into the negotiations with a free hand and Mr Steel would not. In which event, who knows what Dr Owen might do?

He has said that if there had to be a second general election in such circumstances he is determined that the other parties should take the electorate's blame for it. Might he not, therefore, accept some vague agreement about a movement towards PR, if he could get the essence of what he wanted? And might this not leave Mr Steel out in the cold?

It is unlikely. Mr Steel's action in putting up Mr Alton to embrace a motion which they knew could not be defeated is best interpreted in the light of the principle: if you can't beat them, join them. As he likes to point out at moments of difficulty, the Liberal leader cannot, in the last analysis, be bound by his Assembly. Besides a degree of fudge is provided by the absence of the actual words

"proportional representation" from the motion. But that apart, who knows what not only Mr Steel but even the representatives elected by the parliamentary party might accept if a real share of power was finally within their grasp in a hung parliament?

This is not, of course, something that can be said outright now. Yesterday's debate on what should happen after the election revealed a party still deeply worried about the absence of a commitment to eventual merger between the parties. But there was also a realistic acceptance on the part of many, and expressed by some, that in working for a victory but preparing for a parliament in which they held the balance of power, it would be absurd to reveal today exactly which matters the Liberals would be prepared to trade in a negotiation.

Nobody could expect the Liberals, with their commitment over many decades to the cause of PR on grounds of national interest as well as party convenience, to say that it is tradable now. But to avoid revealing now what is tradable does not imply that any specific policy, even PR, would be outside the area of trading in circumstances that cannot yet be foreseen. And that is particularly so if a second general election were to produce another hung parliament.

## OWN GOAL

Last season's improvement in the conduct of British football fans has not been sustained. At home and abroad, they have demonstrated a capacity for violence which has shamed their clubs and their country. Only last weekend, the behaviour of Leeds supporters at Bradford and, ironically, of Cardiff fans at Exeter, exemplified the failure of the football league to cope with the contagion.

One place where peace has broken out on Saturday afternoons is Luton. Women go out shopping, householders nearby in Kenilworth Road dig their gardens, fathers take their children to home games... By excluding visiting supporters from their ground, Luton Town has removed the focal point of confrontation. Yet their gate for this season's home match against Arsenal, for example, was only 100 or so smaller than last year's — because the loss of 1,000 or 2,000 away fans was offset by a rise in the number of local people who are drawn back to the game by the prospect of football without violence.

These are early days. The Luton system under which

only club members — of proven identity from a catchment area round the town — are admitted, has still to prove itself over a full season. It is less than ideal, if only because it discriminates against neutrals and benign away supporters. Might a scheme be devised under which these could apply for special "good conduct" passes from their local clubs or police stations? For the time being, however, the Luton solution remains a brave and bold experiment which needs watching.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Fighting terrorism in open societies

From Mr Miles Copeland (Sen)  
Sir, Lionel Bloch (September 16) makes several valid points on the subject of terrorism but misses the essentials. May I respectfully point out some of them?

First, it is misleading to apply the epithet, "the terrorists", to those who actually commit the acts which reach our newspapers and television screens. These are rarely, if ever, freemen; they are what those who recruit, train, equip and direct them call "bullets" (in Arabic, *rifa'aa*) and, like the bullets they shoot out of their Kalashnikovs, they are expendable.

Second, the publicized "demands" of the "terrorists" are rarely more than tactical. There are two objectives behind all terrorism which, for purposes of counter-terrorist strategy, we classify as "international".

The first is to embarrass the authorities or to show them up as weak and ineffectual, floundering helplessly within their democratic legal systems.

The second is to provoke irrational response, such as, for example, our retaliations on Libya, from which those who use terrorism strategically gain far more than they gain from terrorism itself. The number of persons killed, the cost of property damaged, and the amount of prestige and influence we have lost as a result of our retaliations are many times over the results of all terrorism used against us to date.

This is not to say that we should under no circumstances pay this price, because there are considerations besides and beyond the war against terrorism itself, but we must never forget that there is one. Third, the ultimate consideration which formulators of national policy must take into account is the effect our counter-terrorist relations may have on

### A golfing rebuff to Taiwanese

From Mr R. J. Priestley  
Sir, Your readers may have seen an item in the sports pages (September 15) indicating that Taiwan, Republic of China, has withdrawn from the Dunhill Golf Championships at St Andrews later this month because "the British Government will not allow their national flag to be flown in this 16-nations event".

This small article highlights one of the major peculiarities which results from the application of current policy *vis-à-vis* the non-recognition in a formal sense of Taiwan, Republic of China.

Not to allow the flag of a nation to be flown with flags of other participating countries is to deny the realities of the existence of a thriving, economically advanced, prosperous and booming nation which, in the context of the province of Taiwan, constitutes some 20 million people, with which the United Kingdom has a major multi-million-pound trading position.

Another aspect which may interest readers is that, prior to my paying a short private visit to the Republic of China this summer, information was sought from the consular section of the Foreign Office as to current policy with regard to formal recognition and representation of the interests in Taiwan of UK citizens. No letter was received in return explaining the position.

In the context of what may be deemed a very negative relationship with a friendly, pro-Western, stable and independent state, with whom close trading ties are maintained, the question as to why there appears to be total non-recognition of the Republic of China as a nation and as an entity, extending now to a ban on the use of the national flag, is worthy of a response.

Surely the time is ripe for review of such an unrealistic policy and practice, which does not concord with the unarguable existence of a pro-Western, democratic, friendly nation in the Pacific area, with one of the highest standards of living in Asia and which is very glad to welcome visitors to its shores in a hospitable way. Rebuffs of this sort do not make for increased international understanding.

Yours faithfully,  
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Low Farm Close,  
Lindal-in-Furze,  
Nr. Ulverston, Cumbria.  
September 18.

### Polls apart

From Mr B. C. Barton  
Sir, In view of the fragility of the alliance between the Liberal and SDP parties is not the time now right for the opinion polls to show the support for each party separately?

Yours faithfully,  
B. C. BARTON,  
Little Eton,  
Cokes Lane,  
Chalfont St Giles,  
Buckinghamshire.

### Highway justice

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office  
Sir, Mr Turner (September 17) alleges that the Home Secretary has failed to issue sufficient guidance to the police on the operation of the fixed penalties system.

That is not the case. The Home Secretary has issued detailed guidance, in the form of Home Office circulars to chief officers of police, in fulfilment of his statutory obligation under section 51 of the Transport Act 1982. Clearly the use which individual officers make of the scheme — as opposed to other options — in a particular case is not a matter on which the Home Secretary can pronounce. He knows that chief officers wish to see a uniformity of approach by forces, and that they have had very detailed discussions to this end.

Yours faithfully,  
DOUGLAS HOGG,  
Home Office,  
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

### Keys to success

From Miss Judy Farquharson  
Sir, Is it not true that all schoolchildren of both sexes were taught to type as part of their secondary education? Keyboarding for computers, telexes, word processors and typewriters is required in nearly every office, profession and industry.

I find it very disconcerting that I cannot help recently qualified graduates, male or female, into jobs simply because they lack this basic skill, and worse, regard the skill as inferior and "secretarial" when, in fact, it is seminal to the "computer age" executive.

Yours faithfully,  
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Judy Farquharson Limited,  
47 New Bond Street, W1.

## ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24 1927

Gene Tunney (1898-1978) twice fought and beat Jack Dempsey (1895-1983) — in 1926 and on September 22, 1927 — the celebrated "long count" fight. Tunney often said that he could have survived without the extra seconds. In 1928, after successfully defending his title against Tom Heeney, he retired from the ring.

### BOXING.

#### TUNNEY RETAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Tunney retained the World's Heavyweight Championship at Soldier's Field, Chicago, on Thursday night, when he scored a convincing victory over Dempsey on points, the fight going the full distance of 10 rounds.

Dempsey has always been essentially a fighter. Tunney beat him at Philadelphia by outboxing him. At Chicago Tunney once again outboxed Dempsey, but he finished by outfighting him too, and that in spite of being knocked down and taking a count of nine in the seventh round. With regard to that count there has been some discussion, and a Reuter message announced that Mr L. Flynn, Dempsey's manager, has stated that he will appeal against the referee's decision.

What happened was that Dempsey, having floored his man, stood over him... and the count was not begun until Dempsey had obeyed the referee's order to retire to the furthest corner of the ring. In accordance with the Illinois Boxing Rule the count does not begin until the combatant who has knocked down his opponent does move to the furthest corner, and Dempsey wasted four seconds before he did so. Had he been quicker he might have scored a knock-out or finished his man before the end of the round. As it was, Tunney, though temporarily stunned, got up and finished the round. The latter stated after the fight that he could have got up at the count of five, but that he obeyed his second's signal to remain down longer before continuing the fight.

Dempsey was again beaten by superior boxing and better ring-craft. Tunney, with the exception of that seventh round, had the better of the fight all through, is a worthy champion, and one who may retain the title for some years to come.

### THE FIGHT.

... ROUND 3. — Dempsey scarcely seemed himself. He was moving slowly and falling into clinches at every opportunity. He seemed short of wind as he began the round, but Tunney was fresh and calm. Dempsey continued to follow the champion round and round, which proceeded ended in a clinch. Here Dempsey scored with a series of heavy blows to the body, which he followed with several hooks to the back of Tunney's neck. Tunney once again found an opening and landed heavily on Dempsey's face. Some stiff in-fighting, and when they separated Tunney caught his opponent on the face with some light jabs. Dempsey's tactics were obviously to hammer Tunney's ribs, but the latter appeared undisturbed. Dempsey, on the other hand, was hitting Tunney thus won the first three rounds.

... ROUND 7. — Tunney let off and opened the scoring with a left and right to Dempsey's head. The ex-champion retaliated quickly and with a left and right he knocked Tunney down. Tunney stayed there, amidst breathless excitement, for a count of nine, but this was only to regain his breath. Dempsey, stimulated by his success, took his opponent viciously when he got up but, by holding him off, Tunney gradually recovered. Dempsey immediately got him against the ropes and pounded him viciously in the stomach. The ex-champion's fierce attack aroused tremendous excitement, which was increased when Tunney began to retreat round the ring. Dempsey rushed after him and landed on his neck. Tunney had a narrow escape when Dempsey, with a sudden burst of energy, brought his right under several times for hard body punches which he followed with a powerful right to Tunney's jaw. This was Dempsey's 10th.

... ROUND 10. — After a few exchanges in the final round Tunney's chest was seen to be covered in blood — but it was Dempsey's. Tunney made a furious onslaught on his opponent, rocking him with a swift, stabbing right to the jaw, and then following up with alternate right and left to almost the same spot. With two rights in succession to Dempsey's face he headed still more points.

Dempsey stood up better than he might have been expected to, but the best he could do was to clinch. When they came together this time the contrast was even more striking than before the fight began. Tunney had his opponent beaten and practically knocked out as the bell rang.

### Ace of clubs

From Mr Reginald Pound  
Sir, As a diversion from serious matters of the day, who in London's clubland holds the longest membership record?

At the risk of being dismissed as a struggling amateur, I have been a member of the Savage Club for 62 years.

Yours etc,  
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Berkeley Square, W1,  
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THE ARTS

Dogfight led to rabies death

Television Plates of pleasure

A food programme that coincides with a group of harmony singers - the O.K. Chorus - greeting a plate of grilled shark with "ain't no fish, ain't no fonder" and two hallelujahs is a different enterprise to the bland offerings of Della Smith, Fanny Craddock and Glyn "Pittcairn" Christian.

Food on Food (BBC2) is presented by a man who is to the kitchen what Patrick Moore is to stars, David Bellamy to trees and James Burke to the international cutaway. With ruffled hair, a lopsided bow-tie and a personal glass of wine, Keith Floyd rips the head off a prawn, slobbers away at an octopus, burns his finger on the cooker and all the while thoroughly enjoys himself.

This is food as she is cooked and eaten. It is also television as she is filmed. For Floyd pursues a symbiotic relationship with his cameraman, Richard Elliott, whom he is always bossing to "come to me" or "back to my plate". Purists might find the result self-indulgent and dishevelled but, in smacking his lips at the contents of a plate rather than its setting, Floyd brings some much-needed fun to our screens. Sardines become pillars after 4 1/2 inches, after half an hour Keith Floyd could become an addiction.

Which is more than could be said for Issues of Law (BBC2), a new series about our glorious legal system. Presented in unmodulated tones by Michael Molyneux, a barrister as grey as his suit, the first programme was seriously tedious. "To a spectator at the back of the court it can all look rather boring", said Molyneux without attempting to contradict himself as he strode through resounding steps through the Royal Courts from whence all but he had fled.

The first person interviewed was a Belgian lawyer who confessed he did not understand the British common law system. It was then put to luminaries like Lord Deane and John Hopton to defend our adversarial tradition. As Lord Hailsham, the most senior of these litigious pet-foggers, put it to a Frenchman: "You're trying to find out the truth. We're simply trying to find out whether the prosecution has proved its case."

Nicholas Shakespeare

Simon Banner meets Gemma Craven (right), who opens in Pinero's The Magistrate at the Lyttelton tonight

A farcical chance to be taken seriously

"You can tell I've settled in here", says Gemma Craven, confidently leading the way through the labyrinthine corridors backstage at the National Theatre, "from the way my dressing-room resembles something out of Homes and Gardens. I have to make it like that", she adds in explanation, "because I haven't been out of the building for months." Certainly the actress cannot have much spare time at the moment. It was back in May that she began rehearsals for the part of Marianne, the colonel's girlfriend in Werfel's Jacobowsky and the Colonel, which opened during the summer, and soon she goes into rehearsal for Three Men on a Horse, an American comedy written by John Cecil Holm and George Abbott due to open in January, in which she plays a gangster's moll.

Tonight, meanwhile, brings the opening of a play which gives her probably the most considerable role of the three. In Arthur Pinero's century-old farce The Magistrate, Gemma Craven is cast as Agatha Fosket, late Farrington, nee Verriender, wife of a suitably harassed-looking Nigel Hawthorne as the magistrate himself, and the mendacious woman of highly uncertain age around whom the plot revolves.

"Sometimes you read a script and find it funny", Craven explains, "and then start work on it and find it's not funny at all. But with The Magistrate I laughed when I read it and I've laughed all the way through rehearsals as well. Pinero created such marvellous characters and put them in such outrageous situations. Imagine a woman who tells her prospec-



In the time-warp: Andrew Sachs (left), Jim Broadbent, Roger Lloyd Pack as an immovably doleful Kafka, Geoffrey Palmer

Theatre: Irving Wardle reviews Alan Bennett's new play Snared in the undergrowth

Kafka's Dick Royal Court

To clear up any doubts in the matter, the object of Alan Bennett's title is indeed the author, and argument about its dimensions in comparison, say, with Scott Fitzgerald's and that of Kafka Senior occupies a crucial part in this comedy which proves morally serious enough to quell even the abuse of Steven Berkoff.

This is Bennett's second play about Kafka, and you could describe both of them as exercises in anti-biography. The myth is that Kafka was obliged to waste his creative energies in an accident insurance office, and practise his art against the opposition of a brutal, philistine father. In The Insurance Man, Bennett challenged the first item by showing him as rather good at the job and perhaps even enjoying it (a German firm is now in the process of publishing his collected accident-claim reports).

In the new piece, Bennett moves on to the second item and brings back old Hermann Kafka, cleaning out his ear with a toothpick and determined to clear his name even at the expense of revealing his son's puny genitalia to the literary world. Why should writers always get away with patricide? And, as an insurance man, Kafka should be well aware that "the injured

party always exaggerates". So much for Bennett's head-on challenge to literary myth. There is a great deal more than that, too much in fact, to the play. It takes place in a Pirandellian time-warp, bringing Kafka and his parents into the suburban living-room of a modern biographer who sees his chance of making a reputation by claiming Hermann as a model father. At this point, the title member takes on another meaning. As the most personal possession of a most secretive artist, it supplies Hermann with an invincible lever. But it also represents the kind of trivia - along with Auden's unwashed trousers and E.M. Forster's boyfriends - on which biographers seize in order to cut great men down to size.

Bennett's biographer Sydney (Geoffrey Palmer), however, is also an insurance man: a factor which lines him up with Kafka just as you have got him marked down as a literary parasite. This strikes me as a self-cancelling procedure; and the picture is further complicated by the presence of Max Brod (Kafka's first biographer), Sydney's non-literary wife (who inexplicably falls for Kafka) and her bewildered old father - the only Kafkaesque figure in the play, who periodically potters in on his walking-frame to declare "Someone's been telling lies about me".

The dominant impression is that Bennett has set up a situation so dense with associative echoes and critical ideas that it is virtually impossible for any plot to move through it. One strand of plot depends on Brod's publication of Kafka's writings in defiance of his instructions to burn them. Much comic effort goes into hiding away stacks of London Library volumes from the author's gaze; but, when Brod's treachery finally comes to light, that line of action simply reaches a dead end. Mr and Mrs Kafka arrive like Pirandellian refugees, two characters in search of an author. But as biography is being discredited, they get nowhere; indeed, Hermann finally realizes that it is only as a bad parent that he has any chance of being remembered at all.

There is a replay of The Trial (for which William Dudley ingeniously transforms the walking-frame into the dock), but nothing decisive comes of it. There are short-lived spasms of action, involving passing embarrassments and jealousies, leading finally to a thunderous endorsement of the original myth. My feeling is that Bennett has taken more on board than he can deal with. He is absolutely in command during the prelude, where a self-dramatizing Kafka delivers his dying wishes to a sceptically Yiddish Brod, who counters them by forecasting the Nazis' book-burning. When it is a question of

looking forward, the anachronistic comedy works beautifully. But not when it comes to looking back.

There remains, of course, the Bennett dialogue, which is as rich as ever in exquisitely turned domestic banalities and literary give-aways; and also in deft pastiche of the title author - in particular one marvellous speech where Kafka responds to the wife's seductive offer of chocolates with an exhaustive description of every move she has made since coming into the room: the eternal outsider inventing the actions of the living.

Roger Lloyd Pack plays him with an inimitably doleful wrings, hands twisted together and jacket tightly buttoned to suggest the insect hero of Metamorphosis. The comic element gradually emerges as one realizes that this means he is having a good time.

Richard Eyre's production does loving justice to the lines but puts so much energy into passages of stage action as to leave you grounded when debate takes over. Andrew Sachs's Brod is a splendidly euppeic companion to the sepulchral protagonist; Alison Steadman a voluptuous addition to Bennett's gallery of suburban earth-mothers; and Jim Broadbent, no matter how he may claim for old Hermann's virtues and prowess as a fancy-goods salesman, an ogre from the moment he sets foot in the room.

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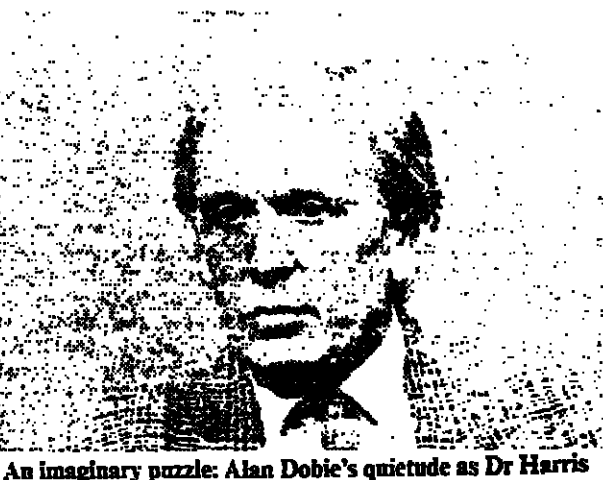
Gravity without depth

Talk to Me New End

One of the saddest of dramatic spectacles is that of the writer who trivializes a subject about which he feels deeply, not because he means to but because his writing lacks the precision and detail to make it credible and moving.

William Humble's play Talk to Me is an aridly written chamber debate about a young married architect called Matthew (Robert Daws) who is overtaken by depression. At first he thrashes about, wretchedly belligerent, able to make nothing of his condition. Later, infuriated by his wife's comfortless sympathy, and egged on by an easygoing female colleague who has her traumas behind her, he agrees to see a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist is called Dr Harris, and he interrogates Matthew with brooding self-satisfaction.

He is acted with silver-haired quietude by Alan Dobie and, as he and Matthew play Socrates and Plato, the evening slips irrevocably into high unintentional farce. Although Harris asks questions interminably, usually of a



An imaginary puzzle: Alan Dobie's quietude as Dr Harris

grandiose, quasi-philosophical nature, his mind seems aloof and empty, hypnotized by some imaginary puzzle in the near-middle distance. The audience clearly found him funny, and, as I fought to contain a rising wave of giggles, I suddenly chanced upon the image which he conjured up. With his back inhumanly straight and face tight and tense, Harris looked like some discreet old gentleman who has discovered to his horror that he is suffering from food poisoning in a public place and who dare not move lest his bowels erupt.

When the character was acted on television by Alan Howard, in the play's original incarnation, Howard tried to give the man some illusion of life by rattling off his exegesis as if he had a mouth full of castanets. Good actors only behave like this when driven to it by inadequate material. Nowhere in Humble's writing is there the intense and specific misery which depression actually creates, and which makes it such a deadening experience to all who undergo it. Instead, the dialogue follows the generalized cadences of polite melodrama, as characters sigh resignedly or jolly themselves heartily along. Critics will object that Matthew is a winging ninny and that his wife is a shrill and shallow stereotype. Humble knows well enough that depression makes people self-centred and petulant, but his writing never achieves the depth necessary to chart the emotional contours below. Talk to Me is a brave attempt at playwrighting which falls disastrously short, and it is not helped by a production which treats it with the sombre gravity of Ibsen. The director is Wyn Jones.

Andrew Rissik

Galleries

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cal reticence. One of the earliest paintings on show, The Fir Tree, with its sleeping lord beneath the boughs, fleetingly suggests David Jones. But otherwise, with his strange constructions, his boats and his towers and his curiously entangled (though not at all anguished-seeming) figures, he seems to be off entirely on his own. The meaning of the work is not really accessible to intellectual analysis: it has to be experienced viscerally. And, so taken, his paintings are very hard to forget. Also, he seems to work best on a relatively large scale, and as the result of long and detailed labour: his sketches and drawings are much less interesting than what they lead to. Nor does he show any sign of running out of steam: already confident and mature, he looks like one of the best hopes for the future that British painting today has to offer.

John Russell Taylor

Concert

Hanson Quartet British Music Information Centre

To hear one's own music dissected and criticized in front of an audience by a group of performers may be a touch humiliating, but salutary lessons about putting into practice what has hitherto existed only in the mind's ear can be learnt. And they were in this Society for the Promotion of New Music workshop as the patient, amiable and expert Hanson Quartet inquired about the meaning of a slur (was it a tie, a bowing mark) or questioned the feasibility of playing a hushed slow passage with the wood of the bow.

In general both David Collins and Robin Gosnall reacted positively to such points, though on occasion they stuck obstinately to their guns. Collins's Nocturnes (his second string quartet) seemed in its first movement to be a little unsure of its purpose and even its own dialectic, for all its

impressive idiomatic touches. As if it were a deliberate reaction the second movement by sharp contrast planted its roots firmly in the territories of Debussy, Ravel and early Messiaen with its obsessive, syncopated parallel motion, while the finale, the movement that began with that curious col legno effect, was the most successful, touched by an instinctive lyrical feel and by a real sense of its own direction.

At just 24, Gosnall is separated from Collins by very nearly 10 years, and it showed both in the ingenuousness of his Quartet Movement and in its conspicuously romantic idiom. There are echoes of Britten's Third Quartet here, with lovely nostalgic tunes punctuated by the odd violent gesture.

Indeed it was an excess of such rhetoric that betrayed Gosnall's relative inexperience, though there can be little doubt that with such readiness to express himself naturally it is only a matter of time before he gains his compositional wings.

Stephen Pettitt

Rock

Metallica Hammersmith Odeon

Heavy metal? A farcical Boy's Own aberration incorporating all the worst elements of rock-music cliché, wrapped up in a package of silly costumes, volume-worship and lyrical and symbolical misogyny. We have all heard something of the sort, and yet this is to deny the merit of an entire sub-genre on the grounds of disaste for some of its more obvious characteristics. Similar treatment was being meted out to country music not so long ago.

Yet once you scratch beneath the bizarre stylistic codes of HM, most of which function to protect the music from being co-opted by critics and the over-25s (which would swiftly render it impotent as such a genuine instrument of teenage rebellion), there is a lot of fun to be had.

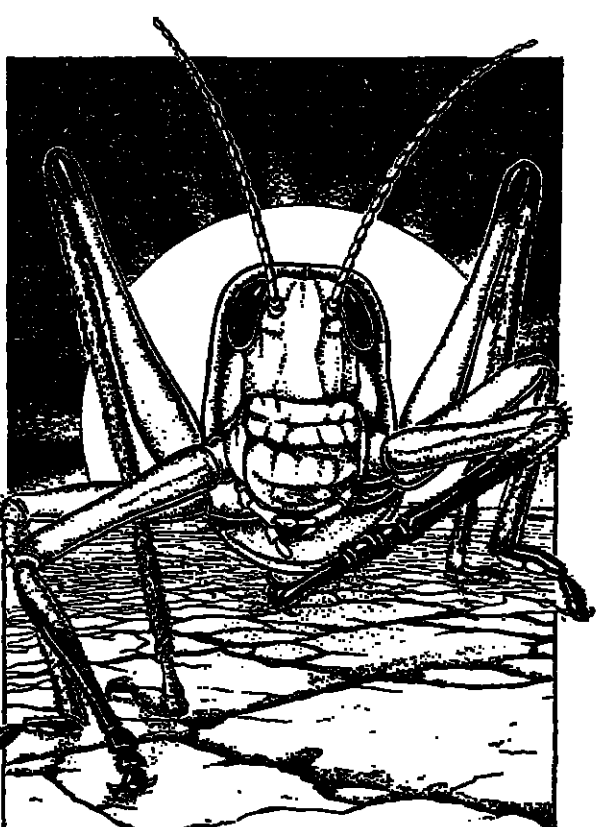
Metallica, a cult band from San Francisco whose last album sold 100,000 copies in Europe alone, are the Ramones of heavy metal. Dressed plainly in T-shirts and tattered jeans, and all

sporting long, unkempt hair, they bashed their way through the set, with heads, arms and guitars flailing like monsters in a puppet show. They have one favourite riff - a cross between Black Sabbath's "Paranoid" and Led Zepelin's "Communication Breakdown", but played at twice the speed of either song - and one theme: death. The backdrop was a view of screeled lines of tombstones stretching into the distance.

Unfortunately, the rhythm guitarist and vocalist James Hetfield had injured his wrist and the inclusion of an extra, deputy guitarist, although an able player, diluted the intensity of the performance. But they still showed that as agents of musical catharsis they have few peers, as they carelessly piled up songs one on top of another in the best punk tradition.

While rock now proceeds in many directions along an increasingly sophisticated grid, there are still raw elements from a variety of sources active at its core. There is certainly more to Metallica than a series of empty macho postures to be lumped in with blanket, kneejerk critiques.

David Sinclair



The face of the killer devouring Africa

Plagues of locusts and grasshoppers are swarming across the African continent, destroying precious food crops in their path. The rains that promised relief from famine have provided ideal breeding conditions. Swarms of up to 40 billion locusts are feared, capable of devouring 80,000 tonnes of crops each day - enough to provide food for almost 2 million people for a year.

If the locusts aren't checked now, the consequences can be catastrophic - more crops destroyed, widespread famine that could last for years... fertile fields turning to desert. Oxfam has already rushed pesticides and spraying equipment to stricken areas. But much more action must be taken by Oxfam and the wider world community to control the locusts, re-seed for new crops and provide food for the hungry. The need is desperate - please send your donation today.

Oxfam has made a start

- 6000 L of pesticide for Chad, cost: £26,634
- 4 Land Rovers & spray equipment for Ethiopia
- 13,000 L of pesticide spray & protective equipment for the flora of Africa; cost: £210,131 incl. airfreight.

ACT NOW - THE NEED IS URGENT

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PICK OF THE FRINGE advertisement for Donmar Warehouse Theatre, featuring a list of plays and dates.



# Kremlin frees companies to foreign trade

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As part of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's continuing programme of economic reform, the Kremlin has unveiled a far-reaching liberalization of its foreign trade which will end the monopoly exercised for decades by the Foreign Trade Ministry and give many large concerns wider freedom to do business with the West.

Under the new regulations, which will come into effect on January 1 next year, more than 20 ministries and 70 enterprises will be granted the right to enter foreign markets freely.

Western economic experts said the move appeared designed to increase the competitiveness of Soviet manufacturing exports, shift the emphasis from raw materials and encourage the setting up of joint ventures with foreign firms. They described the reform as complementing the Soviet Government's recent expression of interest in joining GATT, the 92-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

A decree published yesterday heralded the end of the Foreign Trade Ministry's monopoly on Soviet foreign trade introduced soon after the 1917 revolution.

The Soviet share in world trade does not meet the current level of the country's economic development or its demands, the decree said.

"The export potential of manufacturing industries, above all, mechanical engineering, is not being used satisfactorily."

In recent years, Western businessmen have complained with increasing vigour about the bureaucratic obstacles imposed by the large Foreign Trade Ministry, which has seen the total volume of trade under its control, increase to around £40 billion a year.

According to unofficial estimates provided by Western economic experts, the new reform will free about £4 billion of that away from the ministry's direct control, with the percentage expected to grow as the balance of exports tilts away from the present top-heavy emphasis on raw materials.

But the new decree made clear that despite the liberalization, a degree of centralized supervision will still be exercised.

# East-West relations get a hand



A Soviet observer, Major Arkady Bobrov, left, helping Major Peter Tscherny, a Dane, over a barbed wire fence during an exercise by a Danish armoured division during the Nato exercise "Bold Guard" on the West German Baltic Sea coast.

# Cabinet angry over expulsion of Luton

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Liverpool fans rioted. Among her proposals was that clubs should have their own membership scheme. Luton is one of the few clubs strictly to follow her recommendations and has used membership cards as the way to exclude visiting supporters.

Mr. Tracey said the Government was watching to gauge its effectiveness at eliminating hooliganism. "If we have to use the Luton method then so be it. Football is still on trial."

The Football Association will consider whether Luton can play in the FA Cup at a meeting on October 8.

Mr Jeffrey Archer, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, said yesterday: "What a mad world we live in when someone tries to do something positive about hooliganism, they are themselves punished."

Hooligans are currently ruining soccer for normal, civilised people and today's decision by the Football League in no way helps the cause of law and order.

"The Football League could have shown a much more imagination. Why ban Luton? They could have treated Luton's decision as an experiment and carefully monitored the results."

# Shevardnadze attacks bid for 'space tyranny'

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George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, at the UN, but there was no immediate word of any progress on the Daniloff affair.

In his UN address, he said: "There is but one path to security - to destroy existing weapons instead of replacing them with new ones."

"The technology of destruction must not be allowed to determine policy."

Mr Shevardnadze said he was authorized to state that the Soviet Union was prepared to sign at any time and in any place a treaty on a total prohibition of nuclear weapons tests.

"We are prepared to do so here at the United Nations, so that the entire world community could become part of this great act and a turning point in history is marked as a sign of respect for its will," he said.

"Words not matched by deeds are a false value. But words supported by deeds are a country's gold reserve."

He said the Soviet Union urged those who made pronouncements in favour of eliminating nuclear weapons to follow up with practical deeds, otherwise, it was no more than a rhetorical mirage behind which loomed an altogether different policy.

Mr Shevardnadze said the emphasis on verification was a worn-out curtain. There was broadly speaking no longer any problem over that and the Soviet Union was "open to verification."

# Frank Johnson with the Liberals Dog days back for the Silly Party

The Liberals, after an agitated debate listened to by an absorbed and crowded hall, yesterday voted against the carefully couched, but clearly non-radical defence policy which their leaders had worked out with the Social Democrats to satisfy Dr David Owen.

The most important aspect of the defeated policy was that we should keep Polaris, and then - when it became obsolete - should somehow work out a joint arrangement with the rest of Europe.

That arrangement would not necessarily be non-nuclear, although some textual scholars argued that there was some doubt as to whether the policy meant that at all - the sowing of such doubt being clearly the intention of the policy.

In any case, a majority of the assembly would have none of it. They voted for an amendment which said, in effect, that we should no longer have a nuclear weapon after Polaris.

This year's Liberal Assembly had been preceded by many assurances, by various authorities in the prints, that the Liberals, after over 15 years of being the Silly Party, a party which had returned to the tradition of the late Clement Davies rather than that of the late Rinka.

For the benefit of younger readers, Clement Davies came several leaders after Gladstone and one leader before Mr Jeremy Thorpe. Had it not been for Mr Thorpe, it could be said that he was the last Liberal leader to be associated with important legal proceedings. However, he was a distinguished barrister rather than a distinguished defendant. The Liberal Party was no fun in his day.

Rinka was a more controversial and more famous figure than Clement Davies. His place in Liberal history is more secure than Clement Davies' because he is believed to be the last prominent figure in that history to be shot dead.

He was never able to give his version of the turbulent Liberal politics of his time because he suffered from the disadvantage of being a dog.

For further information, the younger reader is referred to the standard works on Rinka, and the less copious literature on Clement Davies.

After two days here, there was no sign that all those badge-wearers, open-necked shirts and believers in a windmill-powered national grid were prepared to embrace bourgeois rationalism to help Mr Steel help Dr Owen.

They remained the soul of the party, and indeed the beard of the party. The signs were there during the address of the president-elect, Mr Des Wilson, a contemporary of Rinka's and one of the earliest of the Sillies.

Just as some people are Young Fogeys, Mr Wilson is one of the Old Turks - people who were once Young Turk amendment which said, in effect, that we should no longer have a nuclear weapon after Polaris.

Martin Luther King and someone whom he said was Perry Clees.

This turned out to be not a Liberal community politician, but the ancient Greek orator, Mr Wilson caught the tone of the Assembly. Naturally, people who adopt this tone do not consider themselves to be Sillies. They consider themselves to be idealists. They are motivated by age-old emotions - love of their idea of peace and freedom, loathing of Dr Owen.

It was noticeable that even the defeated, pro-Owen, anti-defence policy took care to use the language of Wilsonian idealism. "Just look for one moment what Europe can achieve when speaking with one voice," said the original mover, Mr James Wallace, the party's defence spokesman in Parliament.

Some us thought thought for one moment about achievements common to Europe: the bidet, unlimited licensing hours.

Mr Wallace had in mind such things as the successful European opposition to the neutron bomb.

### Today's events

**Royal engagements**

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, opens the Ealing Enterprise Agency, 69-71 The Broadway, West Ealing, W13, 10.30; and attends Business in the Community's Industry Year conference, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam St, WC2, 11.45; and then visits offices of Business in the Community, 10, City Rd, EC1, 1.40; later he gives a reception for Ferranti sponsored graduate engineers from University College, North Wales, Kensington Palace, W8, 6.45.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, presents the prizes for BBC Television's programme *Why Don't You... Help the Aged's* headquarters, St James's Walk, EC1, 10.30.

The Princess Anne opens the new Laboratory of the Coopers' Company and Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Uxminster, 3; and later attends a dinner in aid of the Caldecott Community, Banqueting House, Whitehall, 8.10.

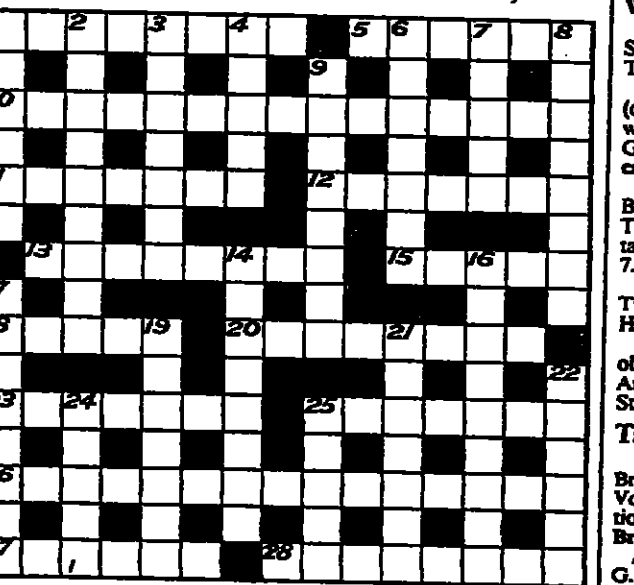
The Duke of Kent, as President, attends the Business and Technician Education Council's dinner, Institute of Directors, Fall Mall, SW1, 7.05.

The Duchess of Kent visits the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's station, Brixham, Devon, 10.30; and then opens the new Embankment, Dartmouth, 12; later she visits the Torbay and South Devon Hospice, 2.

Princess Alexandra opens the extension of the New Victoria Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, 3; and later attends a dinner for delegates attending the General Assembly of the International Federation of Stock Exchanges, Hampton Court Palace, 7.30.

Prince Michael of Kent visits the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset, 10.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,159



- ACROSS**
- Get some air in a cab with me, perhaps (8).
  - Schoolboy who doesn't have rows (3,3).
  - Katie Glover, blonde from Australia? (4,4,2,3).
  - Narrow neck - a typically Corinthian feature (7).
  - From the PR angle, somehow it helps in a marine take-over (7).
  - Roman poet had skills in vermillion (8).
  - Smooth intersection (5).
  - Vehicle or horseback - either will do (8).
  - Single knot soundly spliced (8).
  - In French hearts they are cries for more (7).
  - Poor Clio, seized by bird from home of the Muses (7).
  - £1 avocado dinner cooked for polymath (8,2,5).
  - Joint in double-breasted jacket (6).
  - Move up to fetch in van (3,5).
- DOWN**
- Business liaison (6).
  - Standing up in herring boat's stern (9).
  - David gets no supplement as a recipient of charity (7).
- Concise Crossword, page 14**

### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

**New books - hardback**

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

*Coasting*, by Jonathan Raban (Collins Harvill, £10.95)

*Lawrence Sterne, The Later Years*, by Arthur H. Cash (Methuen, £38)

*Wales and the Sea*, by John Glynne (Collins, £14.50)

*The Oxford Companion to German Literature*, edited by Henry and Mary Garland (Oxford, £25)

*The Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo Rediscovered* (Muller, Blond & White, £40)

*William Golding, The Man and His Books, A Tribute on his 75th Birthday*, edited by John Carey (Faber, £12.50)

*Wales, Occasional Essays '65-'85*, by David Lodge (Secker & Warburg, £12.95)

### Anniversaries

**Births:** Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, Epsom, Surrey, 1890; E. Scott Fitzgerald, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896; Howard Walter Flory, Baron Flory, pathologist and creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, Adelaide, 1898.

**Deaths:** Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg, 1541; Niels Finnsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Copenhagen, 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst, London, 1960.

### Guide dog week

The second annual Guide Dog Week runs from September 29 to October 5. Seven regional centres and about 400 local voluntary branches will be holding events.

More information can be obtained from The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, for the Alexandra House, 9 Park Street, Windsor, Berks, SL4 1JR. Tel: (0753) 855711.

### Weather forecast

Ridge of high pressure extending NE over the United Kingdom, but with a weak frontal trough affecting the extreme N.

**6 am to midnight**

London, SE England, East Angles: Mainly dry, cloudy with fog patches at first but sunny intervals developing; wind NE, light; max 19C (66F).

Central S, SW England, Midlands, S Wales: Dry, fog patches clearing, bright or sunny intervals developing; wind NE, light; max temp 20C (68F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales: Mainly dry, cloudy with fog patches at first but sunny intervals developing; wind light and variable; max temp 17C (63F).

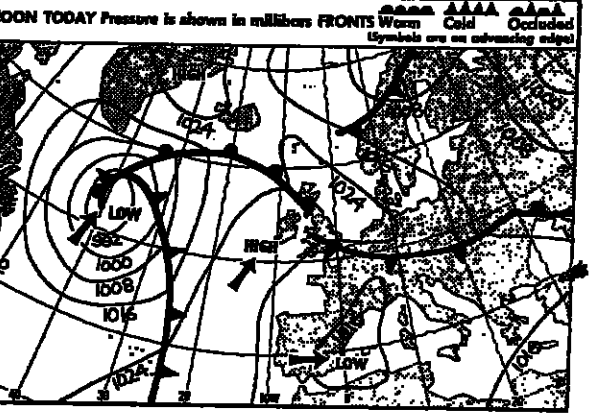
Channel Islands: Bright intervals, perhaps some rain at first; wind NE light or moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, North-western Scotland: Cloudy with perhaps a little drizzle at first, sunny intervals developing; wind light and variable; max temp 16C (61F).

Barrow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Belfast: Bright intervals, mainly dry; wind NW light; max temp 16C (61F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind W light; max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rather cloudy in the N with a little rain at times, especially during Friday. Sunny periods and patches of overnight fog in the S. Temperatures near or a little above normal.



**High Tides**

Location	AM	PM	HT	MT
LONDON BRIDGE	6.05	6.5	6.8	6.5
ABERDEEN	1.21	1.5	1.8	1.5
AUNMOUTH	11.20	11.5	11.8	11.0
BOSTON	3.27	3.1	3.5	3.1
CAERDYFF	11.15	10.7	11.2	10.2
DEVELOPMENT	9.28	5.0	5.4	4.0
DOVER	3.06	5.9	3.15	6.0
GLASGOW	9.15	10.7	11.9	11.0
HAYDOCK	5.02	4.8	5.08	4.4
HULL	4.02	3.6	3.16	3.8
LIVERPOOL	10.32	5.5	10.45	8.2
LONDON	6.59	7.8	10.19	7.4
LYONS	1.11	1.0	1.5	1.0
MANCHESTER	3.15	8.4	3.27	8.1
MARSH	1.01	4.4	1.50	2.3
MILFORD	4.04	4.4	4.7	4.0
MURRAY	10.19	6.0	10.41	5.7
NORWICH	9.05	8.2	9.5	8.6
PLYMOUTH	3.29	3.4	3.29	3.7
PORTLAND	8.45	5.1	8.01	4.8
REDFORTH	1.01	5.0	1.31	4.7
ROTHESAY	3.40	4.3	3.34	4.3
SCARBOROUGH	3.11	5.0	3.18	5.4
SOUTHAMPTON	2.56	4.0	3.18	4.4
SWANSEA	10.25	8.4	10.48	8.1
WALSLEY	1.14	1.8	1.5	1.0
White-on-White	3.53	3.8	4.07	3.8

HT=mean high tide; MT=mean low tide.

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### Lighting-up time

London 7.25 pm to 6.21 am  
Bristol 7.35 pm to 6.31 am  
Edinburgh 7.38 pm to 6.33 am  
Wolverhampton 7.34 pm to 6.28 am  
Penzance 7.47 pm to 6.42 am

### Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday:

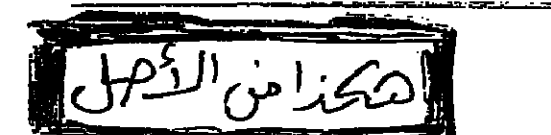
Location	C	F
Belfast	11.2	52.2
Birmingham	11.8	53.2
Bristol	11.8	53.2
Cardiff	11.8	53.2
Edinburgh	11.8	53.2
Exeter	11.8	53.2
London	11.8	53.2
Manchester	11.8	53.2
Newcastle	11.8	53.2
Nottingham	11.8	53.2
Oxford	11.8	53.2
Sheffield	11.8	53.2
Southampton	11.8	53.2
Stirling	11.8	53.2
Wolverhampton	11.8	53.2
Worcester	11.8	53.2

### Around Britain

Location	Sun Rain	Max	Min	Notes
East Coast	1.2	17	63	cloudy
Birmingham	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Bristol	0.9	17	63	cloudy
London	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Newcastle	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Oxford	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Sheffield	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Southampton	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Stirling	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Wolverhampton	0.9	17	63	cloudy
Worcester	0.9	17	63	cloudy

### Abroad

Location	C	F	Notes
Algeria	25	77	Colony
Alexandria	28	82	Cyprus
Bombay	31	88	Caribbean
Buenos Aires	18	64	Dominican
Calcutta	25	77	France
Cairo	22	72	Germany
Cardiff	12	54	Italy
Chennai	28	82	Japan
Colon	28	82	Kenya
Copenhagen	12	54	Madagascar
Dublin	12	54	Maldives
Edinburgh	12	54	Malta
Geneva	12	54	Mexico
Havana	28	82	Nicaragua
London	12	54	Peru
Lyons	12	54	Portugal
Manchester	12	54	Russia
Madrid	12	54	Saudi Arabia
Miami	28	82	Spain
Montreal	12	54	Taiwan
New York	12	54	Thailand
Paris	12	54	Turkey
Prague	12	54	USA
Rangoon	28	82	USSR
Reykjavik	12	54	Vietnam
Rome	12	54	Zimbabwe
Singapore	28	82	
Sydney	28	82	
Tokyo	12	54	
Winnipeg	12	54	





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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1271.9 (-10.9) FT-SE 100 1610.0 (-7.1) Bargains 18041 USM (Datastream) 123.79 (-0.25) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4495 (-0.0075) W German mark 2.9693 (+0.0101) Trade-weighted 69.7 (+0.2)

Fiat in Libya talks

Rome (AFP) - Fiat officials said yesterday that negotiations with Tripoli on the acquisition of Libyan shares in the motor group are under way but have not yet been completed.

BBA steps in

Dr John White's fast-growing automotive engineering group, BBA, yesterday launched an agreed £3.3 million offer for the troubled Grosvenor Group.

Team grows

Credit Suisse First Boston has appointed Mr Peter Spencer, who spent 13 years at the Treasury working on the medium term financial strategy, as its chief economist.

Hanson sale

Hanson Trust is selling Hammary Furniture in the United States to La-Z-Boy Chair Company for \$11.5 million (£7.9 million).

Loss at Clyde

Sharply lower oil prices caused Clyde Petroleum to report a loss of £1.3 million for the six months to June 30, against a profit last time of £2.6 million.

Octopus rises

Octopus Publishing made pretax profits in the first half of 1986 of £7.1 million, an increase of 13.2 per cent, on sales 11.4 per cent higher.

Steeley up

Steeley's pretax results for the first half of 1986 rose by 17 per cent to £18.8 million. Turnover was up from £198.3 million to £200.4 million.

MARKET SUMMARY Table with columns for Stock Markets, Main Price Changes, Interest Rates, Currencies, and North Sea Oil.

Public spending running £1 1/2bn ahead of target

Public spending in this financial year is estimated to be over-running the Government's target by about £1 1/2 billion. The over-run is partly on local authority spending and partly on supply spending by central government.

Late crowds rush for shares in TSB

The £1.5 billion sale of shares in the Trustee Savings Bank closes at 10 am today and a last-minute rush by investors yesterday to hand in applications spilled over into long queues outside some bank offices.

UK and US co-operate on fraud investigations

The British and United States regulatory authorities have taken a first tentative step towards establishing world-wide co-operation between countries to stamp out international fraud in securities and futures dealing.

Lasmo's investment profit outstrips operations yield

The fall in the world oil price has meant that one of Britain's leading independent oil companies is making more money from its shareholding in one of its competitors than by producing oil from the North Sea.



Renault says curb must stay on imports of Japanese cars

Renault, the loss-making French motor group, is to press the Government to continue a strict curb on imports of Japanese cars, in a new bout of protectionism.

Options investors' pre-bang bonus

Investors hoping for substantial cuts in dealing costs after big bang will get a welcome appetizer today when they receive their contract notes for traded options on the FT-SE 100 share index.

German peak bankruptcies

Business bankruptcies in West Germany this year are expected to reach a record 17,000, or 4.5 per cent more than last year, an economic information service in Düsseldorf said.

Sterling index drops to new low

The pound dropped to a new low yesterday before the Bank of England stepped in to support it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, said that he would be seeking exchange rate stability at the forthcoming IMF/World Bank meetings in Washington.

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WALL STREET

Early rally fades

New York (Reuters) - Share prices received further support in early trading yesterday after Monday's broad-based rally, but by mid-morning showed signs of weakening.

The Dow Jones industrial average, up 3.38 since the opening, later slipped 0.42 to 1,793.03 when the transport average was up 2.50 to 787.13 and the utilities indicator up 0.44 to 203.28.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 0.08 at 235.01 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was up 0.12 to 135.17.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their respective price changes (e.g., 50 1/2, 41 1/2).

Mexico rocks bankers over debt repayments

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

The announcement this week from Tokyo that the Mexican Government has asked creditor banks to stretch out payments on \$52.5 billion (\$36.5 billion), more than half of Mexico's total foreign debt, dropped like a bombshell among foreign bank representatives in Mexico City.

"This could complicate the negotiations even more," one Swiss bank representative said. "The problem is that a delay at one stage would delay the entire package."

The banker said he found it hard to believe that the negotiations could be complete before September 29 when the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank opens.

"If some agreement is not reached before then, the Mexican Government is going to have some serious problems because the rescue package is a maze of conditions. Each step depends on the approval of the preceding step and it is beginning to look like a minefield."

The \$1.6 billion pledged by the IMF will be disbursed only when the creditor banks agree in principle to provide some \$6 billion in financing over the next two years.

The bridging loan Mexico is supposed to receive from various central banks also depends on the private creditors approving their own participation. Something similar ties the World Bank's support to the rest of the package.

"We are asking for twice as much as we expect to get in terms of lightening the load," one finance ministry source said. "It is a vicious circle. We can't reactivate the economy because there is no credit and there is no credit because we can't get those loans."

Mexican observers say the IMF is pushing for an agreement between Mexico and its creditors before September 29 because it fears its annual meeting could become a forum for new demands for concessions to Third World debtors.

Investors hold key to Clyde's freedom

In the Micawberish world of the oil industry, income must not exceed expenditure or the result will be something much worse than unhappiness.

The big and the strong among the oil companies never cease in their vigilance in snuffing out the weak and the vulnerable in the hope of being able to gobble up attractive oil assets at bargain prices.

Where does Clyde Petroleum lie in the food chain—is it fodder or a predator? Ever aware of the consequences of living beyond its means Clyde stresses its virtues in terms of its cash flow.

At prices as low as \$12.50 a barrel, it can still meet its overheads, interest and exploration costs out of cash flow.

Development of the Wyth Farm oilfield in Dorset costs extra. But the project is so profitable that the banks are willing to continue to lend against it.

Wyth Farm, the seedcorn of the group's future, is Clyde's strength and its weakness.

On the strength of this field, the company has been able to arrange a \$120 million (£80 million) borrowing facility, not all of which will be needed for Wyth Farm.

Some could be used, possibly with shares, to make the acquisitions Clyde needs to become bigger and therefore less vulnerable to takeover.

There is little doubt that Clyde is vulnerable, precisely because Wyth Farm is so profitable, even at low oil prices. And now must be the time to buy, as it is unlikely to come cheaper.

In doing all the right things to survive, Clyde has made itself attractive as a takeover candidate. Debt is low and overheads are being contained. But it needs the support of its shareholders to see it through until the oil price starts to rise again.

They must take the long-term view of the oil price, and if they believe it will rise, Clyde is one of the most attractive small oil companies which can have a real future. It is small enough to be leveraged to discoveries.

Shareholders should not panic at the £25 million provision announced with yesterday's interim results

Poco sold to Walter Lawrence

By Cliff Feltham

The housebuilding group Walter Lawrence doubled the size of its business yesterday when it agreed to pay £21.9 million for the privately-owned Poco Group.

The deal places Walter Lawrence among the top 20 housebuilders with operations stretching from Newcastle in the north to Christchurch, Dorset, in the south.

Poco, set up in 1963, has a land bank of more than 2,100 plots on 53 sites, mainly in the north of England. Its properties range from homes for first-time buyers to four- and five-bedroom houses.

Walter Lawrence has been keen to reduce construction activities and concentrate on housebuilding. The deal will give it about 4,000 plots.

The company is forecasting full-year pretax profits of £3.3 million compared with £2.8 million last time.

The deal is being financed by a rights issue on terms which value the new shares at 85p each. The existing shares finished 8p down at 100p.

Second buyout at National Buses

By Teresa Poole

Badgerline, the Avon-based bus operator, yesterday became the second of National Bus Company's local subsidiaries to be sold to a team of managers and employees under the Government's privatization programme.

The buyout team is led by Mr Trevor Smallwood, the managing director, and includes about 90 staff at all levels. The rest of the company's 950 employees are to be given the opportunity to participate through a share incentive scheme.

The Government is committed to giving preferential consideration to management buyouts but in this case no outside bids were received. The sale price has not been disclosed.

The 400-vehicle company, based in Weston-super-Mare, operates in and around the Bath and Bristol area and in parts of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

It was formed three years ago when the city and county services of the Bristol Omnibus Company, which had been operating since 1874, were put under separate management.

National Bus Company said yesterday that further sales of its 70 subsidiaries would be completed "very shortly". So far one other bus company has been sold to its management and Pleasurama has purchased National Holidays.

M&S chief promoted

Mr Richard Greenbury, joint managing director of Marks and Spencer, has been appointed to the newly created post of chief operating officer.

Mr Greenbury will be number two to Lord Rayner, the chairman and chief executive, and will be responsible for day-to-day operations, leaving Lord Rayner to concentrate on forward planning.

The vacancy has been created by the retirement of Mr Brian Howard, deputy chairman and joint managing director.

APPOINTMENTS

Hill Samuel Investment Services Group Europe: Mr Tony Pope and Mr Fritz Jost are made joint managing directors. Mr Martin Cooper is promoted to chief accountant, Hill Samuel Investment Services Group and joins the board of Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers. Mr Roy Rutherford becomes managing director, Wood Mackenzie Private Client Service. Mr Peter Morris joins the board of Hill Samuel Life Assurance and Gisborne Life Assurance Company.

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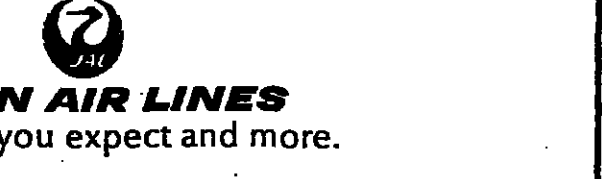
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BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing various banks and their base lending rates (e.g., ABN 10.00%, Adam & Company 10.00%, BCCI 10.00%).

Metalrax Group PLC

Table showing financial performance for Metalrax Group PLC, including Record Interim Profit, Turnover, Group Profit before taxation, Dividends, and Earnings per share for 1986 and 1985.

COMPANY NEWS

- ANTLER: Half-year to June 30. No interim dividend but a final 2p will be recommended. Turnover £5.12 million (£5.29 million). Pretax profit £530,000 (£471,000). Earnings per share 5.4p (4.6p). The directors expect a "satisfactory outcome" for the full year.
- DEFOR HOLDINGS: Results for the six months to June 30, compared with the previous 12 months. Interim dividend 0.4p (0.3p). Turnover £4.59 million (£3.81 million). Pretax profit £838,000 (£1.37 million). Earnings per share 7.0p (11.5p). Defor has traded satisfactorily since the end of June and the directors look forward with confidence to a successful outcome for the year.
- SPRING RAM CORP: Interim dividend 0.33p (0.3p, adjusted). Half-year to June 28. Turnover £17.58 million (£17.73 million). Pretax profit £2.75 million (£1.82 million). Earnings per share 4.1p (3.3p, adjusted). The opening months of the second half have begun well, with strong levels of demand, the board declares.
- FOLKES GROUP: Interim payment unchanged at 0.35p for the first half of 1986. Turnover £29.84 million (£31.9 million). Pretax profit £775,000 (£700,000). Earnings per share 1.66p (1.46p). The board is hopeful of a "positive review" for the final dividend when the full year's results are known and is confident of further progress in the second half.
- ATPSON CLARK: Interim dividend 1.3p (same), payable on Nov. 24. Turnover for the 26 weeks to June 28, home £12.83 million (£13.12 million) and export £4.23 million (£4.05 million), making £17.06 million (£17.18 million). Pretax profit £751,000 (£741,000). Earnings per share 6.9p (6.7p).
- COOKSON GROUP: Agreement has been reached for the merger of H & O Wallcoverings with Tonstax Wallcoverings and Dessina. The three will become subsidiaries of a new holding company, Creative Wallcoverings, in which Cookson will hold 75 per cent and Mr T. Towell, the former owner of Tonstax and Dessina, 25 per cent.
- SPONG HOLDINGS: No final dividend, but an interim of not less than 0.3p is forecast for the six months to Oct. 31 next. Sales for the 16 months to April 30 (compared with the previous 12 months), £18.36 million (£10.78 million). Pretax profit £520,000 (£299,000). Earnings per share 1.28p (1.2p, restricted).
- EUSTON CENTRE PROPERTIES: Year to March 31. Net rent from properties £9.03 million (£8.62 million). Pretax profit £7.88 million (£7.36 million).
- TRAVIS & ARNOLD: First half of 1986. Interim dividend of 2.15p, up 10 per cent, payable on Nov. 10. Turnover £82.05 million (£61.24 million). Pretax profit £4.5 million (£3.62 million). Earnings per share 16.3p (12.6p). One-for-one scrip issue proposed.
- FANTHERELLA: Interim dividend of 1.5p (same), payable on Jan. 5. Turnover for the six months to June 30 £2.13 million (£2.08 million). Pretax profit £287,000 (£315,000). Earnings per share 4.6p (same).
- WILLIAMS JACOBS: Interim dividend 0.6p (0.5p), payable on Nov. 21, for the six months to July 31. Turnover £17.61 million (£14.38 million). Pretax profit £230,000 (£175,000). Earnings per share 1.7p (1.5p). The board reports that, provided the company can obtain an adequate supply of new cars, prospects are encouraging and are expected to permit it to consider some increase in the final dividend.
- METALRAX GROUP: Interim dividend 0.73p (0.63p, adjusted), payable on Oct. 31, for the six months to June 30. Turnover £18.02 million (£17.16 million). Pretax profit £1.84 million (£1.55 million). Earnings per share 3.28p (2.54p).
- DATRON INTERNATIONAL: Year to June 30. Final dividend 1p, as forecast. Turnover £9.77 million (£7.86 million). Pretax profit £1.3 million (£984,000). Earnings per share 5.7p (7.1p).
- LADLAW THOMSON GROUP: Interim dividend 1.4p (1.25p), payable on Nov. 11, for the first half of 1986. Turnover £9.28 million (£7.44 million). Pretax profit £412,000 (£345,000). Earnings per share 4.68p (3.63p). An upsurge in demand necessitated a move to larger premises in the north-east which the group expects to occupy early in 1987.
- HILLARDES: The encouraging start to the year has continued with sales about 14 per cent higher than last year, the annual meeting was told.
- JOSEPH HOLT: Six months to June 30. Turnover £4.96 million (£4.64 million). Pretax profit £1.47 million (£1.4 million). Earnings per share 30.72p (28.56p). Interim dividend 4p (3.5p).
- AMERICAN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS: Year to June 30, compared with the previous six months. Turnover £10.33 million (£2.03 million). Pretax profit £2.93 million (£2.15 million). Earnings per share 2.27p (1.34p). A total dividend of 0.875p has already been declared for the year.
- PHILIPS LAMPS: The company and Whirlpool Corporation of Michigan, US, have begun talks about a joint venture in the international household appliance field.
- PERLESS: The first-quarter profit performance is being maintained, the annual meeting was told. As a further stage in the restructuring of the group, it has sold the taxpayer interests of Gategate at a premium to the net asset value.

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# Grand Met near to selling its American cigarettes offshoot

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, leisure and hotels group, run by Sir Stanley Grinstead, is on the brink of selling Liggett, its American generic cigarettes business, in a deal worth more than £100 million.

"We never comment on market rumours," is all the company will say, but negotiations for the sale are believed to be at an advanced stage. One suggested buyer is RJ Reynolds Industries, a tobacco, fruit and spirits company, based in North Carolina.

Grand Metropolitan's shares eased 3p to 408p and in

would be negligible, but it would reduce Grand Metropolitan's gearing from 50 to about 45 per cent.

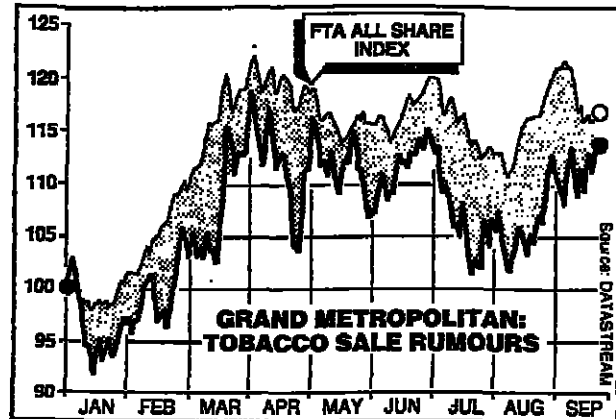
Liggett has been up for sale for the past 18 months, ever since a planned management buyout failed to materialize. Elsewhere in brewers, Allied Lyons fell a further 6p to 30p on disappointment over the Elders' bid, Bass eased 5p to 725p and Bellhaven, where Mr Raymond Miquel is now chairman, lost a couple of pence to 79p.

Pearson, the Lazard's merchant bank and Financial Times group, up 10p at one time yesterday, closed with a 5p gain at 528p. Mr Li Kashing, the Hong Kong financier who heads Hutchison Wharfedale, is said to want to raise his holding from 4.9 to about 20 per cent.

Mr James Joll, the finance director of Pearson, said: "We are still in friendly talks with him, but no agreement has yet been reached between us."

Also reported to be monitoring the situation with interest are Mr Terry Ramsden, the international financier and horse-racing fan, who is believed to be in a consortium with the American, Mr Charles Knapp and another anonymous partner.

Gossips say they are interested in acquiring Grand Metropolitan's Inter-



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GRAND METROPOLITAN: TOBACCO SALE RUMOURS

continental Hotel chain and have built up a strategic stake of more than 4 per cent.

The stock market in general had a dull day, with the FT 30 Share index opening 0.7 higher and then drifting steadily lower, to finish down 10.9 at 1,271.9.

The broader-based FT-SE 100 index slipped by 7.1 to 1,610.0.

Gifts fared well, on the back of a stronger pound, going about 1 1/4 better in the longer dated stocks and 2 1/4 better in the shorts.

Gold, meanwhile, slid by almost 36 from \$438.75 the previous night to \$433.00.

Worries about the state of the economy spilled over into the equity markets, with dealers now regarding higher interest rates as inevitable.

Mr Stephen Lewis, an economist at Phillips & Drew,

the broker, said: "Some people think that a rise in short-term interest rates will have been averted, but I think they are being over-optimistic."

Among leading blue chips, Glaxo fell another 7p to 965p on profit-taking. ICI also dropped 7p to 997p. Royal Insurance eased 5p to 822p and Vickers was down by 8p to 405p.

Hasson Trust slipped 1p to 190p after announcing the sale of its Hammyr Furniture business to La-2-Boy Chair for \$11.5 million (£8 million).

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could result in renewed interest in the shares.

Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, held a major seminar on the paper and packaging industry for fund managers. The guest list included directors of Bowater, David S Smith, DRG Group and Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror.

Apparently, David S Smith, unchanged at 248p, and DRG Group, steady at 278p, both made favourable impressions on the institutions.

The bad news is still pouring out of the offices of Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency. Yesterday, the price fell a further 15p to 615p, after 605p, following the news that

There were whispers in the market yesterday that Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is about to lose one of its top teams — with just over a month to go before the big bang. Dealers claim that Mr Michael Sperring and the rest of his highly profitable electrical team are set to join Smith New.

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Mr Robert Jacoby had resigned as chairman and chief executive of Ted Bates, the group's recently-acquired US subsidiary, Saatchi paid \$450 million (£300 million) for Bates in May. But the acquisition has resulted in Saatchi losing a number of its most lucrative accounts following accusations that it had led to a conflict of interests.

Warner-Lambert and Colgate Palmolive, the US groups, both sacked Saatchi following the merger with Bates and, a few weeks ago, Procter & Gamble announced it had decided to place part of its account, worth \$60 million, with other agencies.

Mr Jacoby is said to have resigned after arguments with the main boards of both Bates and Saatchi over proposed senior management changes.

The Saatchi share price has been a dull market throughout the summer and now stands 32 1/2 below its year's high.

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## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Will the TSB blur the Bank's vision

The game of guessing how much the British public will have put up to buy shares in the TSB by 10 o'clock this morning will be over soon enough. It is safe to say it will dwarf the £2 billion for Laura Ashley and even the £4.5 billion for Wellcome. It may well exceed the £6 billion of cheques for the initial BT issue, which was twice the size.

All those had effects on the money supply, on building societies and on the money markets, obliging the Bank of England to give temporary extra funds to the markets to stave off higher interest rates. In the case of BT, the problems were eased by the proceeds, which cut the Government's borrowing requirement. But in the confusion the Bank was unable to read the money signals at what proved to be a crucial time.

Partly as a result, there was a sterling crisis two months later and interest rates had to be jacked up.

The TSB issue promises to be even more complex and confusing at a time when interest rate signals may be equally crucial.

How much money will be drawn out of the banks and building societies will depend on how the TSB shares are allocated — by ballot or scaling down — and therefore what proportion of cheques are cashed. Such withdrawals however should not cause the same shortage in money markets as earlier issues since essentially most of the money will be moving from other banks to the TSB.

Cash moved from building societies to banks in preparation for the issue

(as they did with BT) may be some effect on the money and banking figures for the banking month of September, even though this ended last Wednesday. The September figures are likely to be awful anyway. The Government is running a high borrowing requirement — possibly as much as £3.5 billion — as advanced tax payments by oil companies are repaid because of their loss of profit.

To the extent people have drawn cheques on building societies for the offer rather than transferring the money to banks, the effects will be quite different. Either way, the societies are likely to take the losses out of their liquidity, hoping that nearly all the money will rapidly return. The effects of the TSB issue on the money supply are necessarily complex.

Money merely transferred between banks need not affect the broader measure. It could even fall because increases in bank capital — in this case the TSB's capital — are effectively defined as a fall in money supply.

To make matters worse, the Bank of England is about to change its statistical banking months to a straightforward calendar basis. The TSB issue will fall between the end of September under the old regime and the beginning of October under the new. All that can be said for certain is that it will be hard for the Bank of England to know what is going on.

Should it then judge money conditions by the falling exchange rate, the rising rate of increase in earnings or simply the opinion polls?

## Dirty tricks in the City

Much of the heat during the recent Guinness-Risk affair was generated in the cause of self-regulation — the system whereby the various City clubs, from Lloyd's to the Stock Exchange, are broadly free to make their own rules and punish offenders in their own way.

The City believes in the minimum of statutory regulation and interference from government authorities. For reasons good and bad the City's area of freedom to deal in the ways it sees fit is being eroded, notably by the Financial Services Bill which seeks to give investors more protection in the free-for-all expected to follow the end of the stockbrokers' cartel on October 27 (Big Bang).

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For example, a broker in helping defend his company client against an unwanted takeover bid buys in quantities of stock to prevent it falling into the bidder's hands. The bid fails and the market price of the shares in the company bid for drops. The broker has to sell or place the shares bought during the bid battle, but at a loss. To cover this contingency the company agrees, in advance, to pay a substantially higher fee to its advisers.

The directors of the company would primarily be at fault in effectively subsidizing the buying of the company's own shares. If they do act in this way they are probably breaking the law as well as the proprieties.

Another temptation. A merchant bank acting for a bidder, through his dealing associate, buys shares in the target company. The price paid, according to the rules, may be no higher than the value of bid but the merchant bank is aggressive. It signals through the Chinese wall to the in-house broker-dealers to pay more and to pass on the shares to the appropriate quarter at a book loss (the difference between the price paid and the bid value).

No respectable company or firm would use devices of this kind. But others might.

late trading yesterday jobbers were refusing to make a price in the stock, ahead of a possible announcement.

Its shares have risen steadily in recent weeks on bid speculation and the sale of Liggett would be greeted with a round of applause from the City.

Mr Daniel Leaf, a top brewing sector analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, said: "Liggett is not seen as a high-quality investment and its sale would be seen by the City as a step in the right direction."

He says that the effect of the sale on earnings per share

### RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price	Change
Hughes Food (20p)	180	+2
Local Lon Co	70	
M&S Cash (100p)	80	
Marina Dev (100p)	150	
Newsage Trans (75p)	54	
Novartis Pharm (135p)	125	
Scott Murray (100p)	125	
Stanley Leisure (110p)	188	-5
Thames TV (100p)	136	
Trust House (100p)	136	
Unilever (63p)	68	
Yorkshire TV (125p)	88	

### RIGHTS ISSUES

Company	Price	Change
Berkeley Tech F/P	221	-3
Boots N/P	145	
Bunzl N/P	118	
Cambium Venture N/P	1	
Chiraxi Nut N/P	3 1/2	-1
New Co Nat Fies N/P	1 1/2	
Rush & Tomkins N/P	345	
Sedgwick F/P	49	+5

### LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
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23	Bank of Ireland	Bank, Discount	
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33	Lloyd	Bank, Discount	
34	Merrivale Moore	Property	
35	Johnson	Industrial, E-K	
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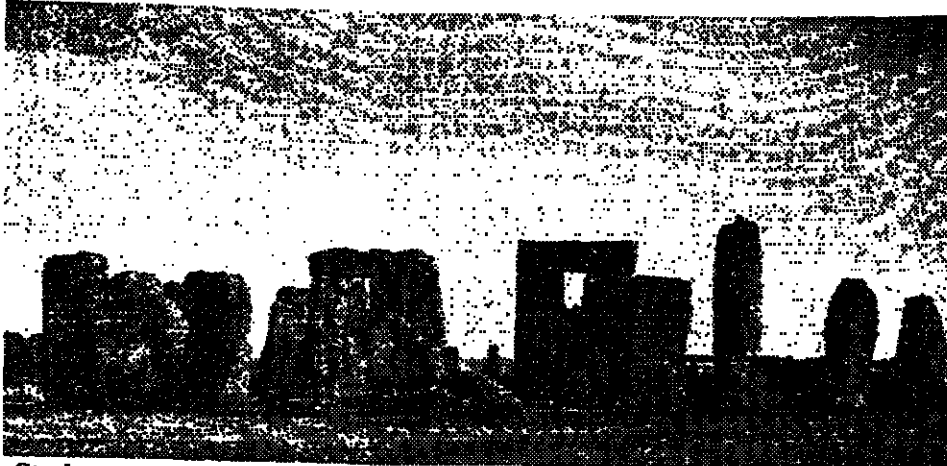
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Stonehenge, county treasure and international attraction. Its meaning remains a mystery

# The baffling links with an unknown past

There are prehistoric remains all over Britain, but the biggest, most famous and most mysterious are in Wiltshire. It is undeniable that the county's prehistory is more interesting than its history. If the proverbial man in the Clapham omnibus were asked which ancient monuments he associated with Wiltshire, he would probably cite stone circles like Stonehenge and white horses.

He would be right about the stones. They were dragged into position thousands of years ago. But the outlines of white horses cut into some of Wiltshire's chalk hillsides are all less than 250 years old. The best-known is the Westbury horse in the west of the county and is a conspicuous landmark for rail travellers on the line from London to Cornwall.

There are at least five other surviving white horses in the county, one of which is said to have been cut to commemorate the accession of Queen Victoria. The phrase "at least" is necessary because white horses need regular weeding if they're not to disappear under grass.

There are many more mysteries attached to the county's older outdoor treasures. It is tempting to imagine the shades of the builders of Stonehenge howling with laughter at some of the explanations advanced in the past 50 years for the appearance of their creation.

The only certainty is that some of the remotest tracts of the county were once the

stamping grounds of a series of busy civilizations. Whoever they were, the centuries have covered their traces well. But their work has made Wiltshire one of the most important archaeological areas in the world. Stonehenge is a heap of ruins now, but in terms of numbers of visitors it is one of the most popular outdoor monuments in western Europe.

The circle of standing stones has become an immediately recognizable symbol of ancient civilization. The giant ruins remain a baffling link with an unknown past. Archaeologists have established that it was built in stages and used for many centuries. But that is all. Little more can be said with certainty except that druids never conducted human sacrifices there.

Stones at Avebury, site of the county's other immense circle, were first heated with bonfires and then cold water was poured over them to make them easy to hammer into usable chunks. Several burial mounds have been relentlessly ploughed into the ground by farmers and some have been blown up accidentally in target practice on Salisbury plain.

But the size, number and pattern of the survivors make the place awesome still. Whoever built Wiltshire's most famous monuments spent years doing it with an immense labour force. Were they slaves, or were they worshippers eager to appease some capricious deity? All we know

is that it all happened a long time ago.

The size of the surviving store of Wiltshire's relics is illustrated by current efforts to reconcile military training needs on Salisbury plain with the desire to conserve archaeological relics.

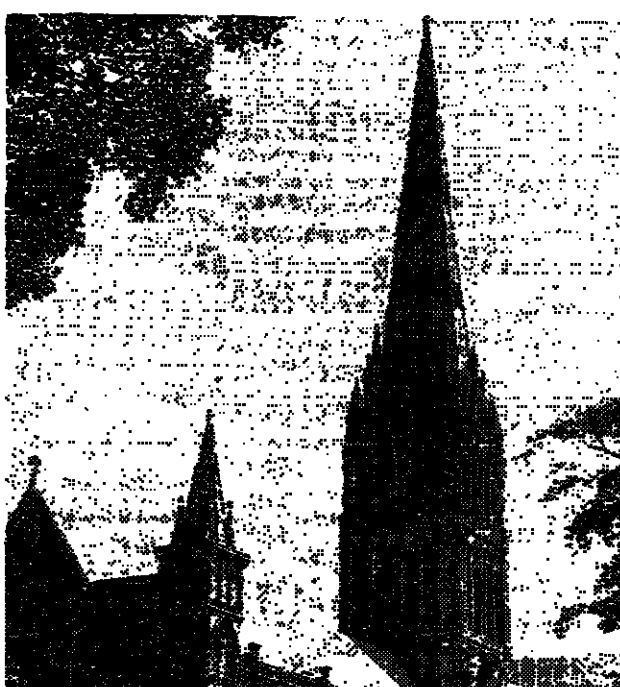
Some 1,700 monuments have been identified in the military training area which covers about 9 per cent of the whole area of Wiltshire. Although some prehistoric relics have been damaged or destroyed by shells or tank tracks, the restricted areas of Salisbury plain contain an exceptionally dense collection of monuments.

The reason is that they have been largely unaffected by intensive arable farming, probably the greatest of all levellers of ancient mounds and ditches.

Most of the monuments in the area are ancient field systems, but it also includes substantial national monuments. One is Chipperton Down, where a joint military-civilian committee which examined the ancient relics on Salisbury Plain could not agree on a protection policy that would safeguard archaeological interests yet meet the need for troop movements.

There is a mass of outdoor evidence for the inhabitants of Wiltshire today that they occupy land that has been settled by many civilizations, most of which remain largely unknown to us.

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Medieval landmark: Salisbury Cathedral and spire, the subject of a £6.5-million appeal fund

# Stately simplicity

The architectural and historic heritage of Wiltshire, which includes 10,000 listed buildings, more than 1,600 scheduled ancient monuments and 158 conservation areas, make it a tourists' paradise.

Most visitors will want to see the artistic wealth and the gardens of great houses such as Wilton and Bowood, Longleat and Corsham Court, Sheldon Manor and Lacock. They will also want to visit the many interesting churches and tie barns.

But there is much to do and see which is not listed in the official guides. You might be ambling along a country lane and come to a field full of people tying up corn — by hand. The farmer has found an answer to the low market price. He is selling it to a thatcher. The bundles cannot be handled by machinery because they would become damaged.

Go for a drink in a tiny pub, off the beaten track, and meet four lads from New Zealand who are on their way to Wales. They have come off the M4 for a break and decided to stay the night at a farm. It's going to cost them £10 each.

A night in a sumptuous hotel like the Manor House, in the superb setting at Castle Combe, would cost at £69 for a double room, or £38 for a single.

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Cultivated elegance: The garden of Stourhead House, a Palladian villa

# M4 signals the way in drive for growth

Wiltshire is full of wide open spaces but its population is growing fast. Last year the population was estimated at 540,000, or little more than half the population of Birmingham. But Wiltshire is expanding and the county council expects the population to have risen by 37,000, or 7 per cent by 1996.

Growth, and the need to find room for it and service it, dominates the council's proposed alterations to the structure plan for the county. The Government will eventually decide on the proposals.

It is a complicated and unexciting process drawing up structure plans for large chunks of England. But they are vital documents for industry, builders and the conservation movement because they determine where the main opportunities and pressures will occur.

The council expects much growth to spread along the M4 corridor "in order to encourage the maximum number of jobs to be created in those areas where firms are most likely to invest." There will also be heavy emphasis on development in the west of the county, where transport links are less favourable but where pressure for landscape conservation is less than in the scenic centre.

The council has lavish plans for main road links to the main settlements in the west, including the county town of Trowbridge. Access to the M4 will be improved and the council wants land to be released for industrial

development. The area has been hampered in recent years by its comparative remoteness and the rapid decline of several traditional industries.

There has been some successful development in the area for many years and there is already a solid industrial and commercial base on which to build. The West Wiltshire Trading Estate, which serves the towns in the area, was founded by Harold Cory on the site of an old army ordnance depot after he had sold his main publishing and printing business.

"The breakthrough came in 1966 when Tesco decided to have a regional distribution centre here," Mr Cory said. "This estate has been built up over the past 20 years and companies here are involved in such activities as fertilizers, agricultural machinery and motorcycle distribution."

"I had an initial problem to persuade the planners that it would be a good idea to bring forward a sub-regional trading estate. It took two years to persuade them." The planners of today are eager to attract business to west Wiltshire, and they have decided to allocate 40 hectares of employment land in Trowbridge alone.

The council points out in the document that the land includes that used for the White Horse business technology park which should boost economic growth throughout the 10 years covered by the structure plan. "Population growth has already brought the town to the stage where a large shopping scheme an-

chored to a department store has been proposed and planning permission granted," the council continues.

The council has quite different plans for the historic city of Salisbury, where growth is to be restrained and channelled northwards towards Amesbury. "The county strategy is intended to restrict the level of development in south Wiltshire in order to give maximum protection to its high-quality environment," the structure plan document says. "Particular emphasis is placed on protecting the landscape setting of Salisbury."

The council fully recognizes the need to safeguard the famous views of Salisbury cathedral which dominate most of the roads into the city. That means curtailing development on high ground, but the city will, nevertheless, remain the principal development area for the south of the county.

It has shown in recent years that it can attract office development and its role as an important tourist centre gives it buoyant potential for creating jobs. The challenge that faces the council and other local authorities to the end of the century is to protect the characteristic Wiltshire landscape while finding work for the local population.

The county council is one of many in the south and west of England which were Conservative strongholds until the shire elections last year. Wiltshire emerged from the elections with a hung council and

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# All those who made the right move

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The company, which went into receivership because of the accident, hopes to develop a Science Scene Park, offering a range of facilities to the small designer. But new investors are needed to back the scheme which promises a good deal to anyone thinking of setting up a small business and requiring space, manufacturing and marketing expertise.

The Optica OA7 is a purpose-built observation aircraft combining the visibility of a helicopter with the low initial and operating costs of a fixed

wing aircraft. Mr Haikney believes it will be a winner at its competitive price of £140,000 plus avionics.

BCL Shorto Films, Swindon, is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of polypropylene packaging film. It is about to open one of Britain's most automated warehouses which will operate 24 hours a day and greatly improve customer service.

Sparfax Television started in the late 1970s when former BBC presenter Nicholas Tresilian set up an in-house video production unit making communications programmes

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In 1985, Sparfax Television was separated from the parent company and successfully launched on to the Unlisted Securities Market as one of Britain's leading video companies. Situated in a vast Elizabethan barn at Cheney Court, Box, it has specialist facilities offering an extensive service to major firms and public sector clients in areas such as corporate projection.

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PHH International is a market leader in fleet management, with more than 280,000 fuel cards. It moved to Swindon in 1980 having previously operated from Slough and Reading.

The idea of the card system is to stop a firm's employees making claims for petrol, when in fact they have bought themselves a barbecue or garden furniture.

The company employs more than 600 staff and plans to take on 150 more during the next 12 months when it moves into its new European headquarters in Swindon's Windmill Hill business centre.

Extenco is what could be regarded as a typical City of London institution — primarily a treasury operation — said its chief executive Roger Pilcher. "We've decided to locate in Swindon because it was our view that in this technological age there was nothing to be gained by sitting in the City of London paying phenomenal rents, when we ourselves are providing a service to British exporters."

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FREE information from Reception and Tourist Offices, Kennet District Council, Newport, Bath Road, Devizes, Wiltshire. SN10 2AT. (Tel: 0300 4911).

# The town's links to Westinghouse go back to 1881

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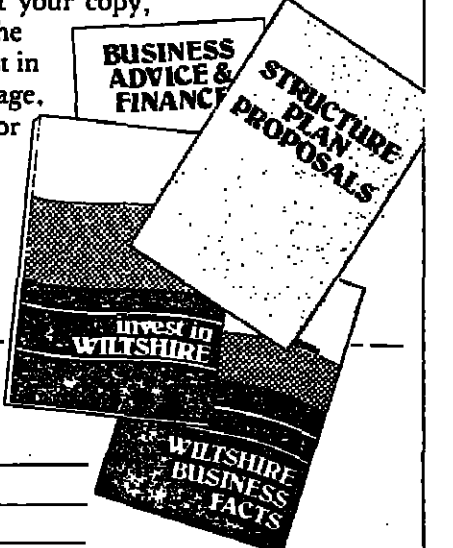
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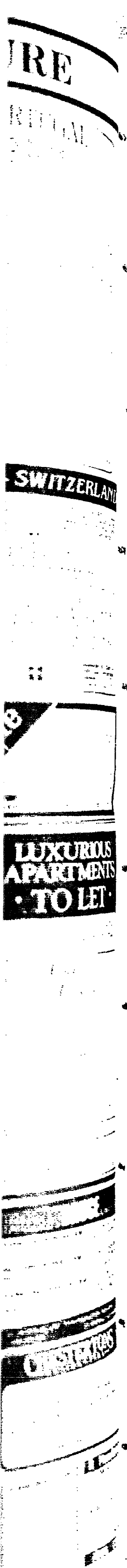
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RACING: WARREN PLACE TEAM CAN CAPTURE ANOTHER TWO-YEAR-OLD PRIZE AT SANDOWN PARK TODAY

Fearless Action to stamp his potential

By Mandarin

Henry Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, gave Sheikh Mohammed his first group one success with a colt when El Cuipe scored in Italy on Sunday. Now the same combination look set to continue their winning tally with the promising two-year-old Fearless Action in the Granby Stakes at Sandown Park today.

Cecil sent out Queen's Soldier to lead this event last season and his representative today is being performed full of potential. The Granby Stakes, Fearless Action appeared in public for the first time at Yarmouth last month and scored impressively, making all in a seven-furlong maiden event to beat Cabot unextended by 1 1/2 lengths.

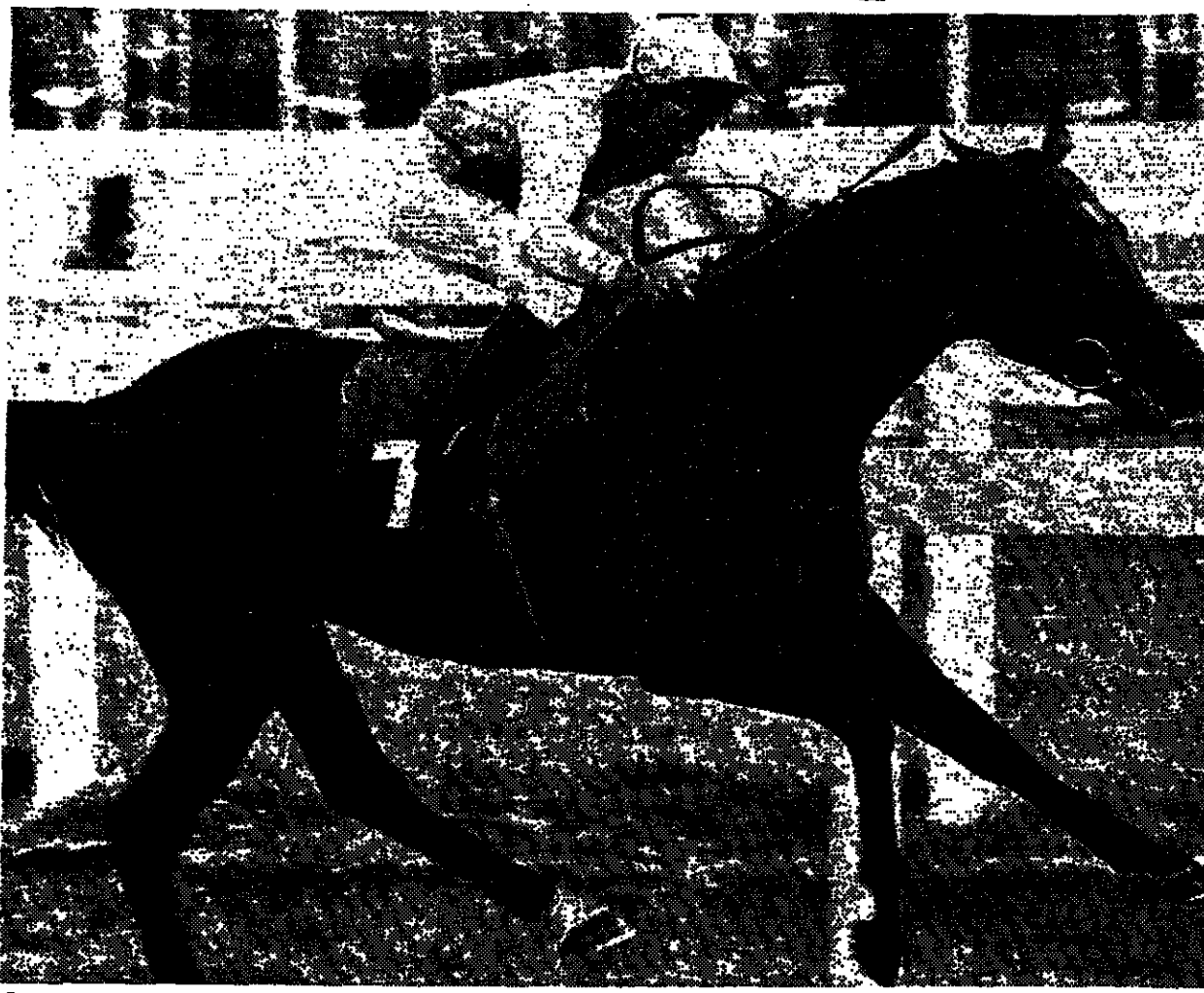
Steve Cautchen's mount is clearly taking on much stronger opposition today, but should be capable of conceding 4lb to another talented recruit, Love The Groon, who ran really well when chasing home Brentano at Doncaster earlier this month.

Michael Scote, this season's record-breaking trainer, relies on Incinerator, who showed ability when fourth behind Le Favori at Newmarket, but it is Fearless Action to gain a second success.

Backchat, a recent Doncaster winner, has a stiff task with 10st 4lb to carry in the 14 furlong Ditton Handicap. The colt has been plagued with back trouble this term, but galloped on resolutely for his victory over Dearkorn at the Town Moor and will make a bold showing today, despite his wetter weight.

However, he may not be up to conceding five to the stone to Bill Holden's course winner Very Special, who looks on a favourable mark if he runs up to his best form when outstaying Four Star Thrust at Beverley in July.

Lord Porchester has decided not to run his impressive



Guy Harwood's Doncaster scorer Backchat, who has a hefty burden to carry in today's Ditton Handicap at Sandown Park

ive Newbury scorer Print in the Oxbott Apprentice Nursery, and relies instead on Sauced Diabie, who landed a maiden event at Windsor in June. The Moorestyle filly has been given plenty to do by the handicapper, but because of the conditions of the event Dick Herr's apprentice Timothy Sprake claims a valuable 11lb which can turn the tables in her favour.

The Bill O'Gorman-trained Silent Majority has already won the Oaks and St Leger winner Dunfermline.

She contests in the Mitre Maiden Fillies' Stakes, along with stable companion Skavena, but preference is for Henry Candy's Standard Rose, who ran creditably behind Exceptional Beauty at Haydock Park last time out.

At Beverley Handsome, who stayed on well for third place behind Silent Majority at Sandown despite a slow start, should be a winner for the Robert Sangster-Michael Dickinson team in the Raffera Sprint Stakes.

Luca Cuman's Commanche Belle disappointed in the soft ground behind Hotel Street at Wolverhampton, but preference has her an excellent second to Newquay at Lingfield. She can open her account in the Burton Agnes Stud Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Also at the Yorkshire course Aardas, owned by Lord Eversford and ridden by his own jockey, should be a winner for the Robert Sangster-Michael Dickinson team in the Garrowby Stakes.

Cut heel setback for Combs Ditch

By Christopher Goulding

Combs Ditch, who twice finished second in epic duels for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park, is making a steady recovery from a mystery injury to his heel.

The ten-year-old gelding hadly cut his heel while spending his summer holiday at his owners' farm in Dorset.

Mrs Anne Tury, who owns the gelding in partnership with her husband, said: "It is a mystery how the injury happened. He cut a large slice out of his heel while he was in the field. He is now with Mrs Mary Bromley at Baydon having treatment and is improving well. He is now being ridden out, but it is too early to know whether he will race this season.

Elmhoy, the former champion hunter chaser, who had a crack at the big chase last season, is now back in training after injuring a tendon.

The big imposing gelding won at Cheltenham and ran a respectable race in last year's Hemesay Gold Cup before breaking down in the Food Brothers Chase at Cheltenham in December, when he ran his best race to finish second to Ron And Skip.

Norman Mawle, a former stall permit holder from Marston-St Lawrence in Oxfordshire, who has trained Elmhoy and rides him in his exercise, despite being in his seventies, said yesterday: "He is now back in training after doing very well out at grass. His leg feels fine and we are hoping the rest will have put it right."

At the age of eight Elmhoy has time on his side to fulfil his potential.

The Mawle stable will be represented by Elmhoy's sister, Snaively, who again will be contesting the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park in December, when she is expected to come into her own this year.

Game Nordica has date at the December Sales

By Michael Roberts

Michael Roberts on Nordica held off a determined challenge from Blue Guitar, ridden by Michael Hills, to take yesterday's most valuable prize at Sandown Park, the £3,700 Stellite Fillies' Handicap.

This half sister to the Oaks winner Fair Salina was gaining her third success this season and will now go for a listed race next month and then on to the December Sales.

Reference Point showed himself to be a top class individual when winning the Dorling Stakes by eight lengths from Mulholland. Henry Cecil, the colt's trainer, said: "He is potentially a very good middle distance colt. He will have him in the Futurity, but we will have to see how he goes, this was very encouraging as he is very idle."

Ray Cochrane landed his 70th winner of the season when he steered Rock Machine to comfortable three length victory in the Heather Maiden Stakes.

Cochrane had the colt settled on the rails for most of the race, before pushing clear at the end of the race. He was bought by Arthur Hancock, owner of Stone Farm, Kentucky, and entered for the

Arc, in which she will be ridden by Fernando Dias, currently second in the Chilean jockeys' table.

Maria Fumata, who has won both her career races, arrives in France tomorrow and will be stabled with Francois Boutin.

She will be at some disadvantage with her opponents because, although she is a two-year-old, she was not foaled until August 22, and the allowance of 11lb to Southern hemisphere-bred horses of that age does not look over-generous.

SANDOWN PARK

Draw: good to firm

Draw: high numbers best

2.0 OXSHOTT APPRENTICE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,302: 5f) (13 runners)

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FORM: SAUCE DIABIE (8-11) won a Windsor maiden by a short head from Miss (8-0) (G) £1,485, good to firm, 4st 20, 10 ran. She has disappointed twice since in better company but is highly regarded. LEADING PLAYER (8-0) looked one paced when 6th in Can A Baker (8-10) at Beverley (G) £1,152, good to firm, Aug 12, 15 ran. MISS BELVEACH (8-0) has done little since 4th in Can A Baker (8-0) at Windsor (G) £2,050, good to firm, 18 ran. MISS BELVEACH (8-0) is held by MISS BELVEACH (8-0) on her 6th and 7th runs in Can A Baker (8-10) at Windsor (G) £2,050, good to firm, Aug 12, 15 ran. MISS BELVEACH (8-0) is held by MISS BELVEACH (8-0) on her 6th and 7th runs in Can A Baker (8-10) at Windsor (G) £2,050, good to firm, Aug 12, 15 ran.

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

3.0 Sauced Diabie, 2.30 Canadian Star, 3.5 Silent Majority, 3.55 FEARLESS ACTION (nap), 4.5 Very Special, 4.40 Standard Rose, 5.10 Perfect Solution.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Miss Milveagh, 2.30 Canadian Star, 3.5 Silent Majority, 3.55 Incinerator, 4.05 Tamourat, 4.40 Firal.

By Michael Scote

2.0 Victory Ballad, 4.5 Backchat.

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Going: firm

2.15 KINNOULL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (E555: 2m) (5 runners)

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